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MIXED RECEPTION IN U.S. SENATE TO ROOSEVELT'S GOLD BILL

SINGAPORE'S IMPORTANCE AS A NAVAL BASE VITAL DECISIONS AT CONFERENCE.

1930 PROGRAMME MAY BE ACTIVELY PURSUED

London, To-day.

Not a word has been revealed regarding the Naval Conference which opened at Singapore on Tuesday on board H.M.S. Kent, Flagship of Admiral Sir Frederick Dreyer, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station.

However, in spite of the Admiralty's bare announcement that it is an automatic routine affair, the feeling prevails that the Conference is preparatory to decisions which will be most important to the Empire and the world, as well as to Singapore itself, as its future as a naval base for light communications to the Far East, Australia and the Pacific, will probably be determined.

The modernisation of Singapore as a powerful base is bound to be included in the agenda of the Conference and, in spite of the "hush-hush" policy, there is good reason to believe that the programme of works which the Imperial Conference of 1930 postponed, will be actively pursued as soon as possible.

The works include a double-graving dock, repair shops and the general strengthening of the defence works. — Reuter.

NEW YORK PRISON SCANDAL

Narcotics Liquor And Weapons In Cells.

CONVICT DICTATORSHIP

New York, To-day.

The worst prison scandal in the history of the United States is expected to be revealed as the result of a surprise police raid on a New York City penitentiary.

The police claim to have discovered a convict dictatorship running the prison. Narcotics, liquor, knives, daggers and life-preservers were discovered in the cells, also 100 carrier pigeons which were used to smuggle contraband into the prison. The Governor and several wardens have been suspended. — Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR DECLINING.

Further Fall In Silver.

The dollar registers a further fall of 1/2, opening today at 1/5 1/2. Silver prices fell 1/16 and 1/32 yesterday for spot and forward respectively, both closing at 19 7/16. The cross rate, London on New York, is 4s. 6d. 1/2, while New York on London is 4s. 6d. 1/2.

NOTABLE RISE IN FIGURES OF BRITISH RETAIL TRADE

Real Expansion Indicated, Says Board Of Trade Journal

London, To-day.

A rise of 4.1 per cent. in the money value of retail sales is shown for last month, as compared with December 1932. This is the fourth and largest reported during the current trading year.

The Board of Trade Journal says it would seem to indicate a real expansion in retail trade. — British Wireless Service.

CELTIC TO FACE BIG TASK AGAINST AYR

Bye For Queen O'South.

TWO CUP REPLAYS AND TWO ENGLISH LEAGUE RESULTS

London, To-day.

Celtic, Scottish Cup-holders, have been drawn at Ayr against the much improved United side in the Second Round on February 3, and will be fully extended to defend their title.

Queen O'South, newcomers to the premier League and one of the surprise teams of the season, have drawn a bye.

There are six First Division clashes, Motherwell, finalists last year, visiting Partick Thistle and the Rangers, who are expected to bring off the "double" once again, pay a visit to Third Lanark, who emerged victorious over Stenhousemuir by an only goal yesterday.

Queen's Park, the famous amateurs, have been favoured with an attractive tie, against the Hearts.

Ross County have been fortunate enough to draw Galston, a Club of their own strength.

Yesterday Stenhousemuir put up a gallant resistance on the Third Lanark ground, but were beaten by the only goal, while Airdrie also lost by a goal when Kilmarnock won a hotly contested home replay by 3 goals to 2.

Two English League matches were decided when Darlington and Accrington Stanley garnered valuable home points against Rotherham United and York City.

Third Division (North)

Darlington	4	Rotherham	1
Accrington	4	York	1

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Scottish Cup—First Round

Third Lanark	1	Stenhousemuir	0
Kilmarnock	3	Airdrie	2

The following is the draw for the Second Round of the Scottish Cup, to be played on February 3:

Aberdeen v. Dundee.
East Stirling v. Arbroath.
Alloa v. Hibernian.
Ross County v. Celtic.
Ayr v. Celtic.
Third Lanark v. Rangers.
Brechin v. St. Mirren.
Aberdeen v. Kilmarnock.
Hamilton v. Falkirk.
Queen's Park v. Hearts.
Partick Thistle v. Dundee.
Glasgow Celtic v. St. Bernard's.
Vale of Leith v. St. Johnstone.
Queen's Park v. Clyde.
Glasgow Celtic v. Clyde.

MORE AMENDMENTS PRESENTED

SENATOR GLASS FEARS INFLATION

DEMOCRAT LEADERS CONFIDENT OF PASSAGE OF BILL

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.

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WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

SENATOR ROBINSON OF ARKANSAS, DEMOCRATIC LEADER, YESTERDAY TOLD THE "UNITED PRESS" THAT HE HAD SUFFICIENT VOTES TO DEFEAT THE BOARD AMENDMENT. HE EXPECTS VOTE ON THE GOLD BILL LATE TO-DAY.

The Senate debate on the Gold Bill started with members of the Administration urging the speedy acceptance of the Bill in the form the President desired. The administration is prepared to accept an amendment limiting stabilisation programmes to two years, plus a possible third year, but it regards the Board amendment as obnoxious and likely to result in confusion and a lack of effectiveness.

Senator Borah complained of haste and asked what assurance there was that the Bill would expand currency and increase prices as its advocates contended.

Senator Carter Glass said that extreme inflation was possible, but not mandatory. The Bill, he said, would probably increase commodity prices temporarily, but they would come down again. Other Senators doubted the measure's inflationary implications. — United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

"INEXPERIENCE OF MORGENTHAU."

Compared With Britain's Experienced Financiers.

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt's Monetary Bill was debated in the Senate yesterday.

After three Senators had strongly supported the measure, Senator Carter Glass contended that it was very inflationary, though it might temporarily raise the prices of commodities and benefit speculators.

Meanwhile, the Democratic and Republican Independents, headed by Senator Wm. Borah, are considering whether to endeavour to attach to the Bill an amendment for mandatory currency or inflation, or whether to press Senator Wheeler's proposal to buy silver until it reached a ratio of 16 to 1 to gold. — Reuter.

Senator Borah suggested that the gold profit resulting from devaluation should be used to provide more currency.

He estimated that the gold profit remaining after the establishment of an equalisation fund would permit the issuance of U.S.\$5,000,000,000 in additional currency.

Senator Carter Glass protested against the irredeemable feature of currency which he described.

He characterised devaluation as invalid and indecent, and declared that the British equalisation fund was managed by three men with lifelong experience in finance, while Mr. Henry Morgenthau had no experience in banking, foreign exchange or broking. — Reuter.

LEADERS TRY TO DELETE AMENDMENTS

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.

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WASHINGTON, YESTERDAY. The Democratic leaders in the United States Senate are determined to eliminate all Committee amendments to the Gold Bill and to effect its passage by the most direct means possible. — Reuter.

ORIGINAL SCHEME FOR SILVER.

Selling Farm Products For Silver Bullion.

Washington, To-day.

The House of Representative member, Mr. Dies, has introduced a Bill creating an Agricultural Surplus Exchange Board to arrange the sale of farm-products abroad for silver bullion, which would be accepted at 25 per cent. above the world price and deposited in the Treasury, as a reserve for silver certificates to be issued. — Reuter.

CONFIDENCE IN U.S. SECURITIES.

Huge Issue Subscribed Six Times Over.

New York, To-day.

The United States Treasury short-term loan of U. S. \$1,000,000,000 announced on Tuesday, has been subscribed six times over.

Half of the issue will be in Treasury notes, at 2.5 per cent. maturing on March 15, 1935 and the remaining half a certificate, at 1.5 per cent. maturing on September 15, 1934. — Reuter.

Another Big Treasury Issue

Washington, Later.

The United States Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, has announced that the Treasury notes of the U. S. \$1,000,000,000 loan have been five times over-subscribed while the certificates have been twice over-subscribed, according to figures available at 4 p.m. yesterday.

The bonds were due to close at midnight. Mr. Morgenthau has announced that the Treasury will issue \$150,000,000 worth of 6 1/2 per cent. Treasury bills on January 31. — Reuter.

JAPAN MAY BEGIN COTTON NEGOTIATIONS

Early Instructions Expected.

MR. RUNCIMAN TO "LISTEN" TO MANCHESTER

London, To-day.

The early commencement of the Anglo-Japanese cotton negotiations now appears more likely.

Shortly prior to the departure of the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Walter Runciman, for Manchester, word was received that three of the chief Japanese cotton organisations had practically decided to authorise the Japanese delegation to open the negotiations.

Official instructions to this effect are expected in the next few days.

Mr. Runciman will devote his time at Manchester to listening rather than to talking. "There are times when it is useful to be a good listener," he told a Reuter representative before his departure, and acting on his own precept, he declined to make any further statement. — Reuter.

DEFENCE AGAINST JAPAN.

Bradford Interests Will Consider Measures.

London, To-day.

A private meeting of House of Commons members and representatives of the woolen and worsted industry of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce, has unanimously decided to appoint a special committee to consider the problem of Japanese competition, and to recommend appropriate measures for the defence of the industry. — Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

Cloudy, with fresh northerly winds. Is the forecast issued by the Royal Observatory, To-day.

100 PASSENGERS DROWNED

Fire Causes Explosion On Chinese Steamer.

200 THROWN INTO YANGTSE AS VESSEL SINKS

Hankow, To-day.

More than a hundred passengers were drowned when the Chinese Steamer *Weitung*, on the Huangshihang-Wusueh run, caught fire, causing an explosion in the boiler which precipitated all the 200 passengers on board into the icy waters of the Yangtze. The vessel sank instantly.

While a number of victims were picked up by rescuing ships which rushed to the scene, it is feared that the death-roll will be considerably increased after the completion of the investigations which are now being conducted by the authorities. — Reuter.

LONDON COVERED BY FOG

Thames Shipping At A Standstill.

NUMEROUS ROAD ACCIDENTS

London, To-day.

Fog of varying density covered London and the Home Counties and later spread over the east of England and Midlands yesterday. In many parts it was the densest fog experienced this winter, and in the late afternoon visibility in the Wimbledon District was reduced to a few feet.

Road and rail traffic was greatly hampered, while shipping on the Thames was held at anchor and cross-river ferry services suspended. There were many road accidents.

In afternoon the fog cleared in central London, but remained dense in some north-western districts. — Reuter.

ITALIAN SARCASM AT JAPAN

POINTED COMMENTS IN PRESS.

PLEA FOR EUROPEAN UNITY TO FACE FAR EAST ISSUE

Rome, To-day.

It is understood that the Japanese Ambassador here has been instructed to make friendly representations to the Italian Government regarding the tone of the recent Italian press comments on Japan.

A recent article by the Italian Premier, Signor Mussolini, in the *Herald* press particularly aroused the attention of the Japanese Government.

Simultaneously, the Italian press broke its silence regarding Mr. Koki Hirota's speech on foreign policy in the Diet on Monday, with articles challenging the Japanese claim to be "the corner-stone of peace in East Asia."

A typical article by Signor Forges D'Avanzati, a prominent member of the Fascist Grand Council, and editor of *"Tribuna"*, remarks sarcastically that the outcome of "pax nipponica" is that the United States is deciding to build 120 new warships, and delegates of Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand are voicing alarm at the Singapore Naval Conference.

The article concludes with a plea for European unity in the face of the Far Eastern question. — Reuter.

AUSTRO-GERMAN CONFLICT

Dispute May Go To Geneva.

APPEAL TO LEAGUE?

Berlin, To-day.

A formal Austrian diplomatic complaint against the alleged German influence upon the Nazi movement in Austria, is accompanied by a threat to appeal to the League of Nations if satisfaction is not forthcoming.

Trustworthy sources forecast that Germany will reply disavowing any responsibility. Thus, the League will shortly be faced with another first class dispute. — Reuter.

CABINET MEETS ON ARMS ISSUE

Considering Germany's Attitude.

BRITAIN'S NEXT STEP

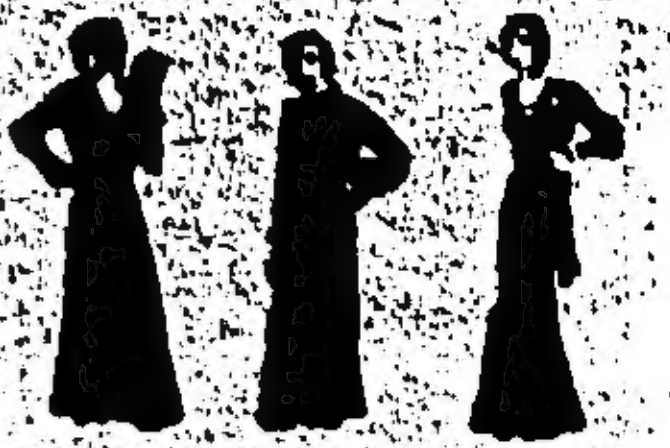
London, To-day.

It is understood that at the meeting of the Cabinet yesterday afternoon the situation regarding disarmament was reviewed in the light of recent developments. These included the exchange of notes between France and Germany, the replies given by the German Government to the questions advanced by the British Ambassador in Berlin, and the results of the conversations on the subject in which Mr. Runciman, Secretary of State, took part.

It is understood that the Cabinet will meet again tomorrow to discuss the situation. — Reuter.



The WOMAN'S Page



UTTERLY OPPOSED HAT STYLES

Difficult Choice
Offered.

MYSTERY ON OPENNESS.

Mid-winter millinery has its own problems. At the moment women are faced with the necessity of making a decision between hiding at least one eye in mystery, or being completely frank about their features, disclosing their forehead and not a little of the top of the head as well.

This is a revival of a 20 years and more old fashion and, after a long reign of face-hiding hats, a somewhat disconcerting one. The one comforting point about the situation is that for the time being it is equally as correct to wear a hat that slopes forward as one that slopes back.

Halo Crowns.

Mid-winter hats still show that milliners are still kindly disposed towards berets. The trimming is placed on the summit of the crown. A black velvet beret the crown of which is folded and padded to fit close to the head has a flat motif of paradise feathers and half a dozen strands of osprey laid flat on the top.

Hats made from fine velour are cut plain to the head. The outline is the most important feature. The crown may be swept upwards at one side and carried upwards to a point, or turned back in front in the shape of a Russian coronet.

Close-fitting caps worn at the back of the head are bound with a flat band of overlapping feathers. Sailor hats in velour with very flat crowns are shown for wear with tailored tweed suits. Alternatively there are still the rather flat messenger-boy caps with a brief peak at one side, with a quill or two drawn through slots in the crown.



Looking Ahead



Home Fashion, always two jumps ahead of the calendar, decrees that plaid will play an important part in the styles for next Spring. Here is a preview of what to expect. A plaid dress and an Oxford grey jacket, ornamented with an unusual buckle, is topped off with a fetching little plaid cap.

KNITTED SCARVES AND BAGS

Going Beyond Mere
Garments.

BAGS, CAPS AND TIES
TO MATCH DRESSES

Knitting seeks other fields than mere garments. The scarf is all-important, and here colour and linking up with some other characteristic of the whole are essential. Scarves are best made of Angora and they cease to tickle after the first. A light Angora is, however, hard to manage on a dark stuff, since the pieces never fail to come off and show.

Scarves and caps match. Scarves are made to correspond exactly with coats. Often they are of the loosest possible knitting and take little time to make, but their point is their correspondence with something else, and loose knitting alone does not make for smartness.

Some people are taking to knitted bags. Here tapestry designs are often chosen and the knitting is very fine to carry on the tapestry idea.

Some people find it amusing to use up their odd pieces of wool in making bags to go with dresses, while those with tweed dresses make bags to match the tweeds. Here and there caps, bags, and ties are actually knitted out of unraveled tweed in default of a wool which corresponds sufficiently.

NEW HATS AT ALL ANGLES

Off The Brow And
Forward Tilted.

LARGE RANGE AVAILABLE.

Any woman who wears an off-the-brow hat just because it is "the latest," has only herself to blame for the result if it does not suit her.

These hats were launched by their designers not with the purpose of sweeping all other types of headgear right out of fashion, but to give everyone a chance of wearing the most becoming hat and still be right up to date.

There are numbers of equally new styles—that may be tilted forward or sideways or worn straight—on show at the best modistes in Paris and London to-day.

New versions of the forward-tilted beret are featured everywhere. Brimmed hats—tilted forwards and slightly sideways—are more favoured than ever among really discriminating women.

Roller Brims.

A perfect hat for the smart middle-aged woman has put in an appearance since the much-discussed off-the-brow hats made their stir. It has a brim that is turned sharply up at one side to show the hair, with an equally sharp sweep down on the other side, where the brim rolls outwards and downwards till it nearly touches the shoulder.

The upturned side hugs the crown and follows the line of the head closely.

UNUSUAL USES FOR BLACK RIBBON.

Seen On Evening Modes.

Black crepe ribbon is used on black evening frocks in unusual ways. One is when the ribbon is wound round the figure or sewn at intervals in gleaming patches over bodice and skirt. Black lace, either of crepe, silk or wool, is used mostly for the dress, but there is a striking model, the material of which bears the name of crepe sweetheart.



Powder Cure For "Gooseflesh"

New Preparation Ideal
In Cold Weather.

"Goosey Grains" is the need of all who complain of "gooseflesh" on the arms due, in most cases, to the cold.

This new preparation consists of a coarse-grain powder which should be applied vigorously to an oiled surface—any place where the skin has taken on that "granulated" look.

ATTENTION TO VOICE IMPORTANT

If you have never been conscious of your voice, before, now is the time to start paying attention. Your voice is one of the things that tells secrets about you that you would rather have kept quiet.



SLEEVE STYLES FOR SPRING.

Immense Bows Are
Ridiculous.

SHOULDER FLOWERS

Sleeves are an important item in the new mode, and they include the bishop sleeve, the leg-of-mutton kind, the sleeve that is biggest at the elbow, half sleeves, many three-quarter sleeves.

Sleeves may be different from the dress; leopard may be used for sleeves on a wool coat and dark blue jersey sleeves may adorn a white jersey dress.

There are sleeves bloused above and fitted below, bell sleeves, puffed sleeves, and sleeves lent width at the top by the simple expedient of plastering the shoulder with a large flat flower or rosette. To the jaunty, angular contributions of sleeve and collar must be added the bow. The bow is immense. It is often ridiculous. It revolves at the neck chiefly, but also on the sleeve or the waist or the back of the head.

The bow gives the impression of being a silencer; it is indefensible, and, therefore, criticism becomes supererogatory. It is also amusing and permits of striking contrasts.

The Cough That Keeps You Awake!

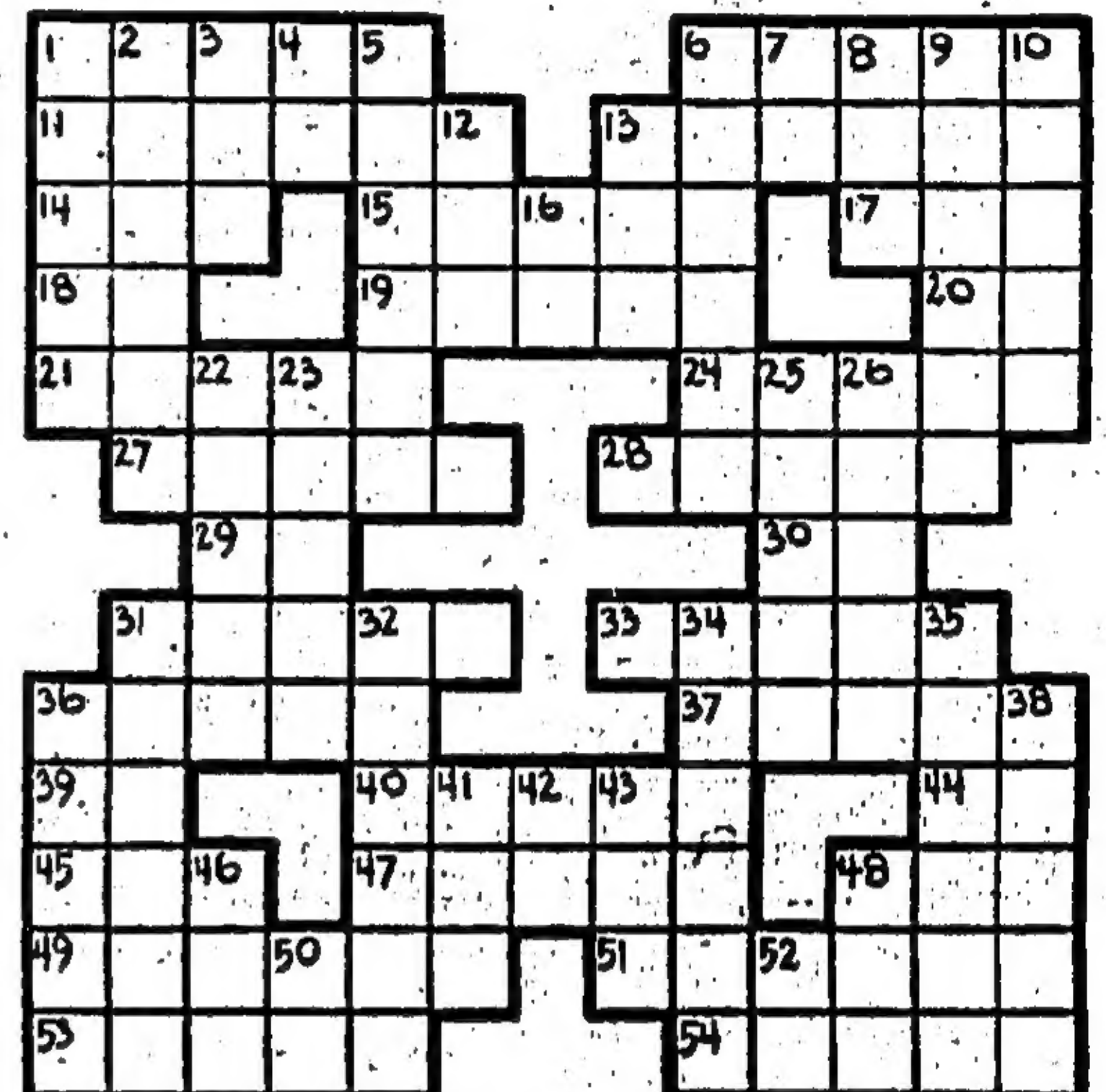
You have probably experienced it yourself... just as you are dropping off to sleep; a tickling sensation in the throat, you cough, and at once you are wide awake. It happens again, and yet a third time; will you never be able to sleep?

This is the time for RESPIROIDS. Keep a bottle by your bedside and you have a perfect remedy at hand to stop that irritating cough. The antiseptic vapours released as the lozenge dissolves in the mouth, together with the saliva, impregnated with curative elements, soothe the throat and quickly remove the cause of the irritation. For coughs, colds, sore throat, chest and lung troubles. Respiroids are invaluable. Obtainable at all chemists, or at \$1.20 per bottle, post free, from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., 451, Kiangsoo Road, Shanghai.

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



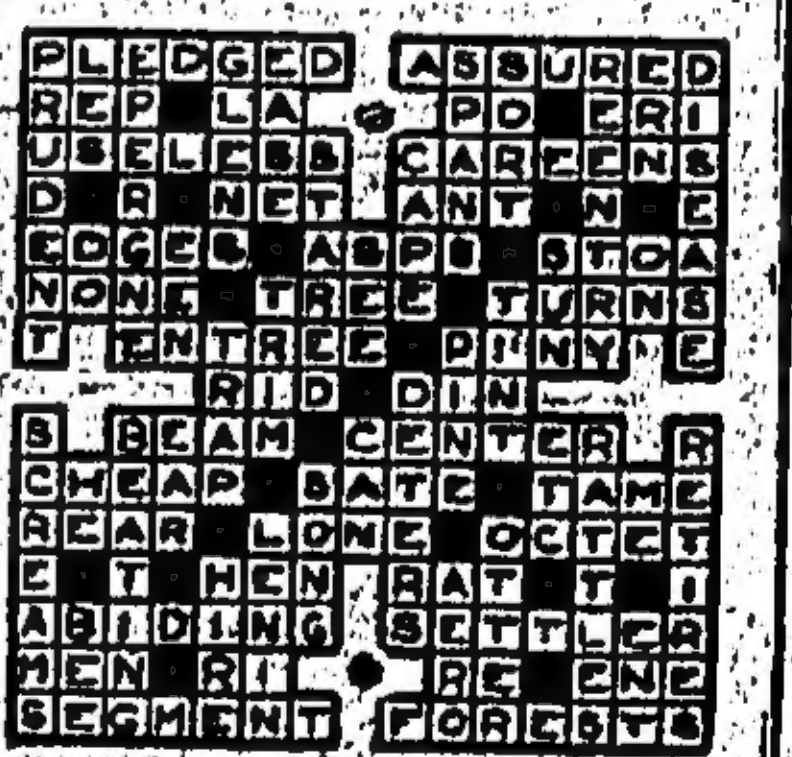
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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Allude | 46-City thoroughfare (abbr.) | 13-Consumed |
| 6-Squad | 47-Tax | 16-Recording Secretary (abbr.) |
| 11-A trader | 48-Highest note in Guido's scale | 22-More gentle |
| 13-Apparition | 49-Crossed | 23-Pertaining to Asia |
| 14-Terminate | 51-Dog house | 25-Ocean vessel |
| 15-Large artery | 52-Command | 28-Mechanical device for lifting |
| 17-A dance | 54-Wants | 31-Any list of names |
| 18-Near by | | 32-Lower |
| 19-To set again | | 34-To make smaller |
| 20-The (Pr.) | | 35-Showed the bottom, as a boat |
| 21-Chief of evil spirits | | 36-A head singer |
| 24-Girl's name | | 38-Distinct |
| 27-Lariat | | 41-A measure of length |
| 28-Twigs of willow | | 42-The (Sp.) |
| 29-Musical note | | 43-Large deer |
| 30-New Version (abbr.) | | 46-Sorrowful |
| 31-Harvest | | 48-Point of compass (abbr.) |
| 33-Glossy | | 50-Myself |
| 35-Carried | | 52-Point of compass (abbr.) |
| 37-Made a mistake | | |
| 39-Because | | |
| 40-A large plant (pl.) | | |
| 44-Electrical Engineer (abbr.) | | |

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in To-morrow's issue.

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SPORTING Page

KING'S WARDEN MAY BE DYNASTY STABLE'S 1ST STRING IN DERBY

HYPERION SHOULD WIN ASCOT CUP

Possibility Of Not Starting
ITALIAN CHALLENGER

Nominations for the Lincolnshire, which will be run at Lincoln in March 21, number 58, as compared with 50 last year, and the class of horse represented is certainly better than some seasons past.

Solenoid, who was second to Dorigen in last March's race, is thought likely to head the handicap in due course, while other competitors who are certain to be heavier weighted, include Nitsichin, Gino, Totail, Andrea and Prickett.

Among the betting favourites are likely to be found Sir Alfred Butt's famous selling-plate purchase, Shove Halfpenny, bought for 180 guineas at Hurst Park last July, and Ole King Sole.

For the Ascot Gold Cup, to be run on June 21, there are 25 candidates, including Lord Derby's Hyperion, the Derby and St. Leger winner of last season.

If Hyperion goes to the post he will be practically certain of victory, but if, as is not altogether unlikely, he is taken out of the race, it will be hard indeed to find the winner.

As you will note from the list appearing below, the entry includes that great Italian horse Crapom, besides Chataleine, winner of the Oaks, Nitsichin, and Tai Yang, who won the Jockey Club Stakes on his only appearance last year.

Here are the entries for the Gold Cup:

THE CORONATION CUP

To be run at Epsom on Thursday, June 7, 1934.

The Coronation Cup, a gold cup value 200 sovs, and 1,000 sovs, in specie for the winner, added to a sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each, with 100 sovs. added for the second and 50 sovs. for the third in addition. The Derby Course (about one mile and a half).

Yrs	Yrs
Raymond	4 Statesman
Cecil	3 Yellowstone
Mate	6 Nitsichin
King Salmon	4 Felicitation
Young Lover	4 Tai-Yang
Solfatara	4 Gunato II
Hyperion	4 Denbigh
Tharpton	4 Chataleine
Scarlet Tiger	4 Montrose

THE GOLD CUP

To be run at Ascot on Thursday, June 21, 1934.

The Gold Cup, value 500 sovs, added to a Sweepstakes of 50 sovs. each, half forfeit, with 3,500 sovs. added for the winner, 700 sovs. for the second, and 300 sovs. for the third. To start at the Cup post and go once round (two miles and a half).

Yrs	Yrs
Canon Law	4 Tharpton
Cecil	3 Canaletto
Harcourt	4 Sans Peine
Mate	6 Nitsichin
Thor II	4 Felicitation
Golden Glen	4 Tai-Yang
Young Lover	4 Paper Cap
Sans Souci III	4 Gunto II
Cropom	4 Grainslaw
Agrigoglio	4 Chataleine
Hyperion	4

Blind Horse-Trainer

There is a man in the island of Barbadoes, in the British West Indies who listens to the thud of the horses' hooves as they come down the straight at the racetrack—and can tell the exact distance that separates them as they pass the post by the sound of their hooves.

He is Mr. Edgar Cox, blind race-horse trainer, well known and beloved figure of the Barbadoes turf, who has owned a racing stable for the greater part of his life.

CHALLENGE FOR TROWBRIDGE

FANLING FOX IMPRESSES WITH FINE GALLOP

BOBNIK STAR COMING ALONG VERY STRONGLY

(BY "THE SPIDER")

THE TRAINING GALLOPS DURING THE WEEK HAVE BEEN OF PARTICULAR INTEREST AS THE OPPORTUNITY WAS TAKEN DURING THE WEEK-END BY SEVERAL STABLES TO GIVE THEIR CANDIDATES A REAL TRY OUT.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT EVEN THE OWNERS THEMSELVES ARE SOMEWHAT IN A QUANDRY REGARDING THE STRENGTH OF THEIR VARIOUS CANDIDATES, AND I HEARD ONE OWNER REFUSE A BET REGARDING WHICH OF HIS GRIFINS HE WOULD SEND OUT IN THE MAIDENS, AND WHICH IN THE TRIAL PLATE!

With the closing of the entries (regarding which I hope to deal with later) serious training may be said to have commenced. The Dynasty candidates were given a fast gallop last Wednesday and I was very much impressed by the work of both King's Warden and Trowbridge. A mile in the vicinity of 2:10.0 is not very startling, but the ease with which these ponies did their work made the gallops interesting. I was glad of the opportunity of seeing these ponies stretch out a little bit, and the disappointing performance of King's Warden is worth remembering.

When Mr. Pearce's ponies first came down there was considerable speculation as to which was the best one in the string. Many favoured Trowbridge, while many considered that each of the others were as good.

After the recent gallops, however, we know definitely that King's Warden is nothing like Trowbridge in class, but that King's Warden is quite a likely Derby candidate, and almost as good as, if not better than, Trowbridge.

King's Warden, on the other hand, is a very indifferent performer.

The "View" candidates have been given a fast trial, and I have come to the conclusion that over a middle distance Bright View and Night View are slightly better than Bay View and Dawn View. Night View is a distinctly good candidate, and it is quite on the cards that he may pick up a race or two at the Annual Meeting.

Booat Bay's Promise

Then there are the Dunbar griffins. Chief Seattle is still considered the best performer in this string, but the more I see of Booat Bay, the more I like him, and with the approach of the race meeting we are sure to hear more and more of this stable's candidates.

Oak Bay, little thought of at one time, has been doing some good gallops, and is very well spoken of by "rail fans."

With regard to the two ponies, Monoplane and Hydroplane, which came down recently from Shanghai, one cannot say exactly how good they are, but if their training performances in Shanghai are anything to go by, I do not think they will wrest the laurels in the Derby for their Shanghai owner.

The "Hem" stable, as predicted, are now coming along with some nice track-work, and I was a little surprised to see Herod, their best pony finishing none too well behind Lemberg, while another of their candidates, Bayardo, finished a good gallop in company with Glad Eyes. The latter pony is

likely to go far at the Annual Meeting.

Two "Stars" Ponies To Remember

The Kong Bros' Stable has so far been conspicuous by the absence of good work from their candidates. They are taking things very patiently, but one cannot help nursing a suspicion that they are in possession of a very good candidate in Brilliant Star and another good one in Electric Star.

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Boobal Bay's Promise
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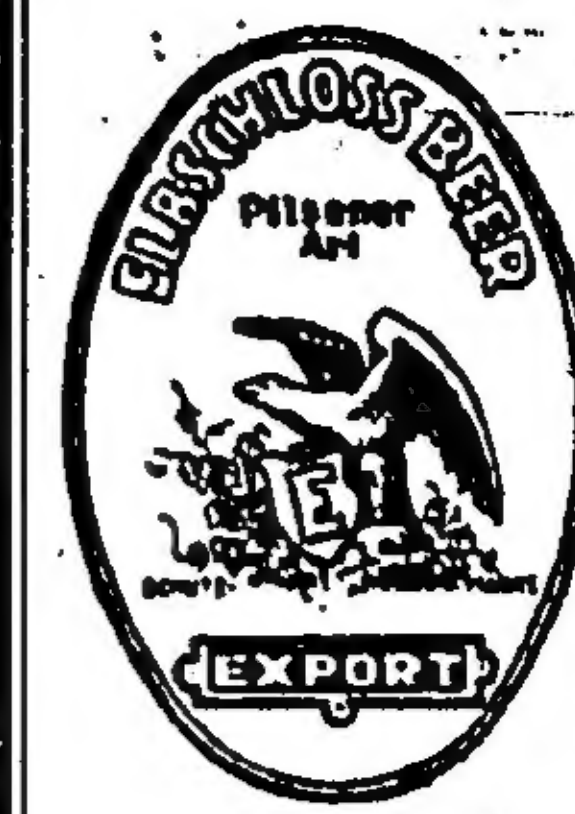
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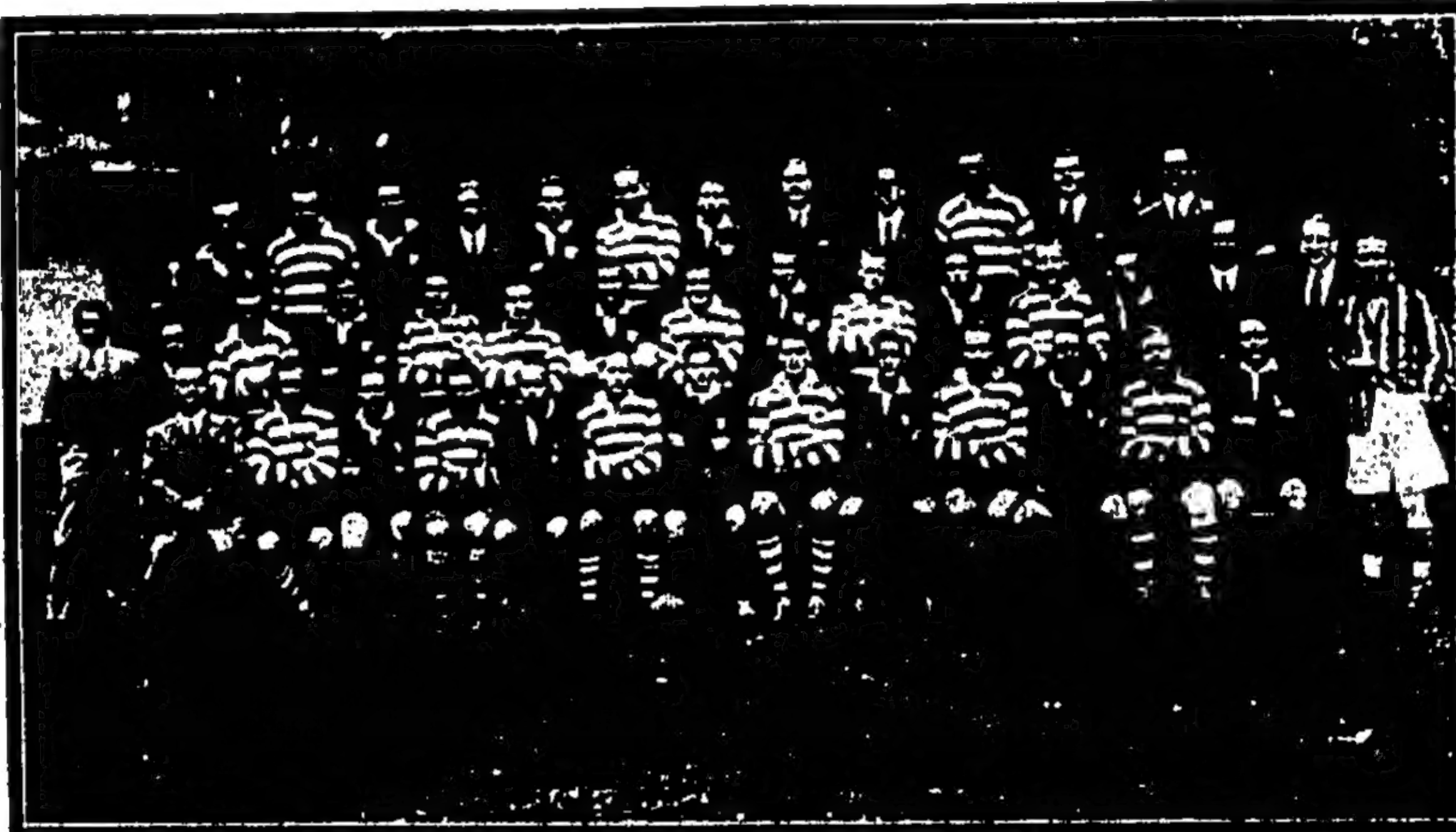
Over the sticks at Kwantl, where the Colony's riding enthusiasts, in recent weeks, have been taking part in the Fanling Hunt Club's outings.



Lady members of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club during the point-to-point at Kwantl.—(King's Studio).



His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., greeting members of the Colony's rugby team before their game with the Australian Universities' touring fifteen, last Thursday.—(King's Studio).



The Colony rugby fifteen (striped jerseys) with the Australian touring team whom they defeated at Happy Valley, last Thursday, by 11 points to 5. The tourists are now bound for Japan, where they will play a series of matches.—(King's Studio).



South China Athletic Association's First Division football eleven, who by their victory over the Royal Artillery, on Sunday now rank third from the top in the League table.—(King's Studio).



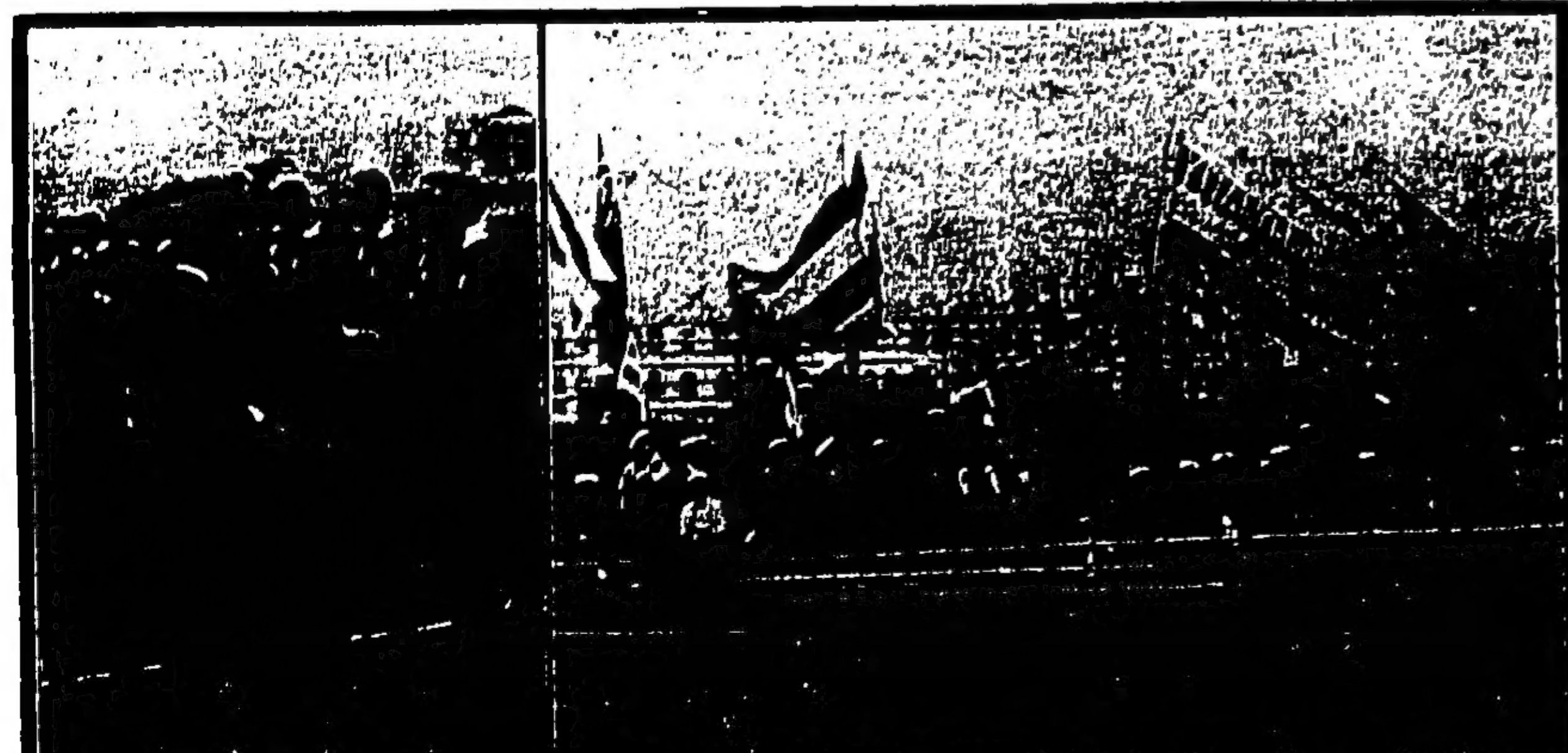
Group taken at the wedding of the Rev. G. A. Hook and Miss Margery Victoria Bennett, at St. Andrew's Church Kowloon. The Rev. Wilfred Stott officiated.—(King's Studio).



Vast throngs of people assembled in the streets of London to witness the Royal opening of Parliament. Their Majesties the King and Queen, in the State Coach are seen passing the Palace Yard, Westminster, on arrival. (Right) Their Majesties leaving the House of Lords.—(S. & G.).



The South Wales Borderers football eleven have no lack of support from their comrades. Here is a typical gallery, all primed up for a bout of good-natured barracking.—(King's Studio).



The Australian rugby tourists being greeted by H.E. the Governor, Sir William Peel. (Right) Japanese members of the crew of the s.s. Kitano Maru, on which the tourists are travelling, attended the match in force.—(King's Studio).

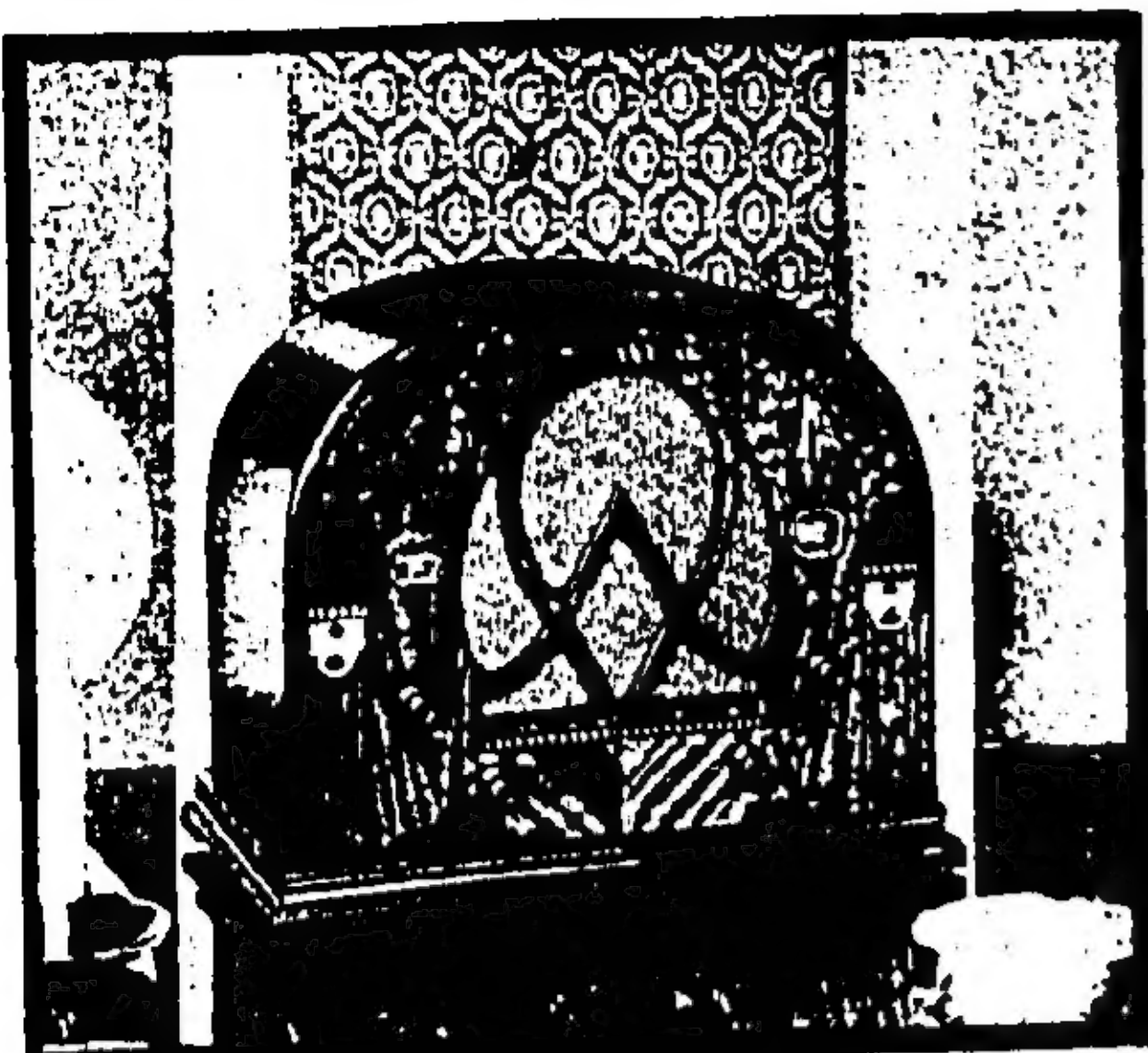


The Rev. G. A. Hook, and his bride, Miss M. V. Bennett, leaving the Church.—(King's Studio).



Scenes at the Fanling Hunt and Race Club's point-to-point at Kwantl. At left is the "camp," where riders can be seen taking a well-earned rest. (Right) Ready for the start.—(King's Studio).

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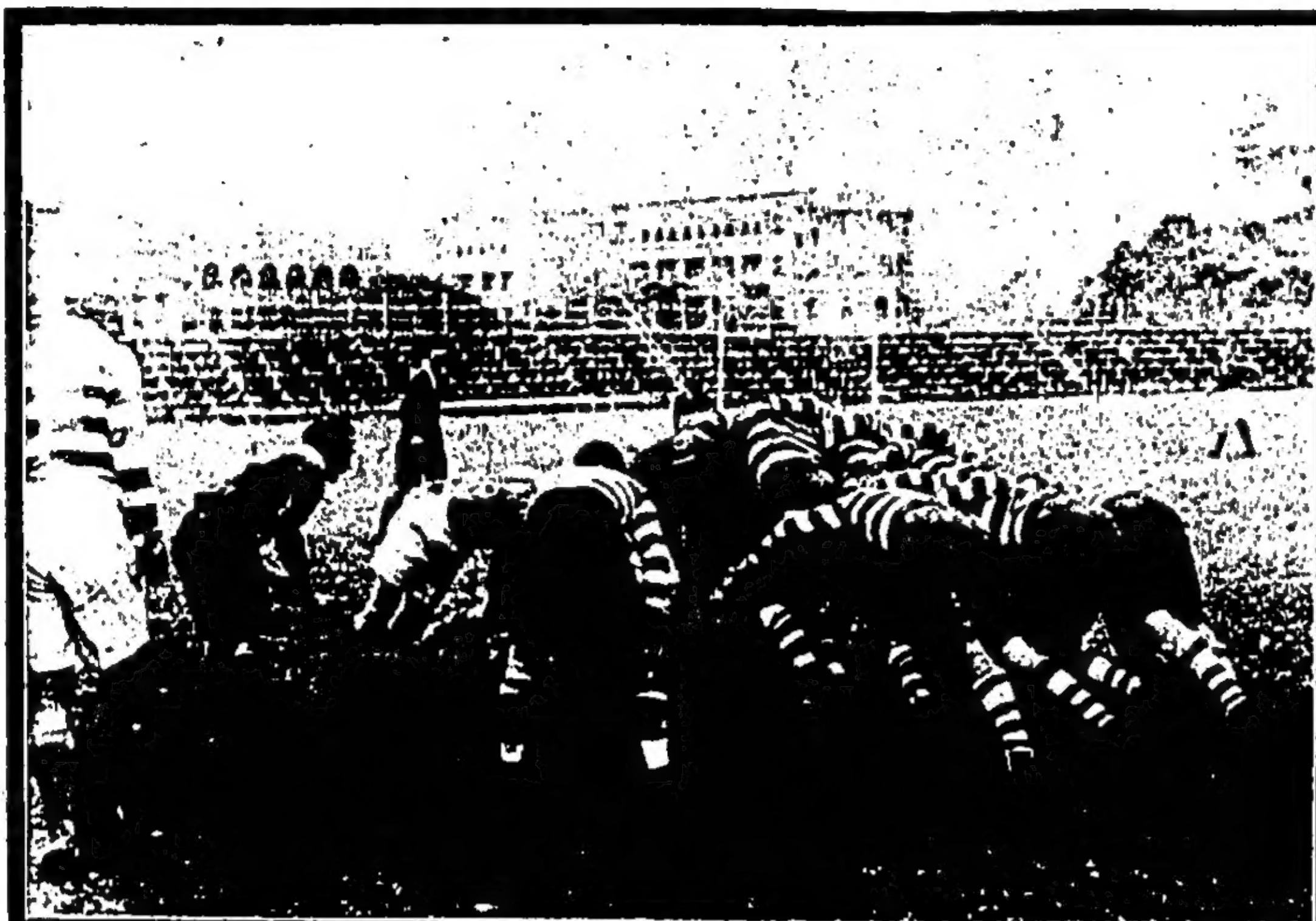
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Group taken outside the Supreme Court, after the wedding of Mr. Liu Kwong-yu and Miss Chen Kan-man, niece of Mr. Chen See, of the China Emporium Co., Ltd., last Saturday. (King's Studio).



The Navy Senior Shield football eleven, who defeated the Athletic at Kowloon, on Saturday, to qualify for the second round.



Waiting for the ball to come out of a tight scrum during the Club-United Services rugby match at Sookunpoo on Saturday. (King's Studio).



Playing with a weak fifteen, the Club rugby team (striped jerseys) lost to the United Services by 19 points to 3. Jumping for the ball in a line-out.



A war-time veteran inspecting a fine bird at the Comrade Racing Pigeon show, in London, last month. (S. & G.).



Incidents in the R. A.-South China football match at Caroline Road, on Sunday, when the military team were defeated by two goals to nil. (Left) Allan, the Interport full-back, clearing. The Artillery defence in action. (King's Studio).



Seen after the ceremony. Mr. Liu Kwong-yu and Miss Chen Kan-man. (King's Studio).



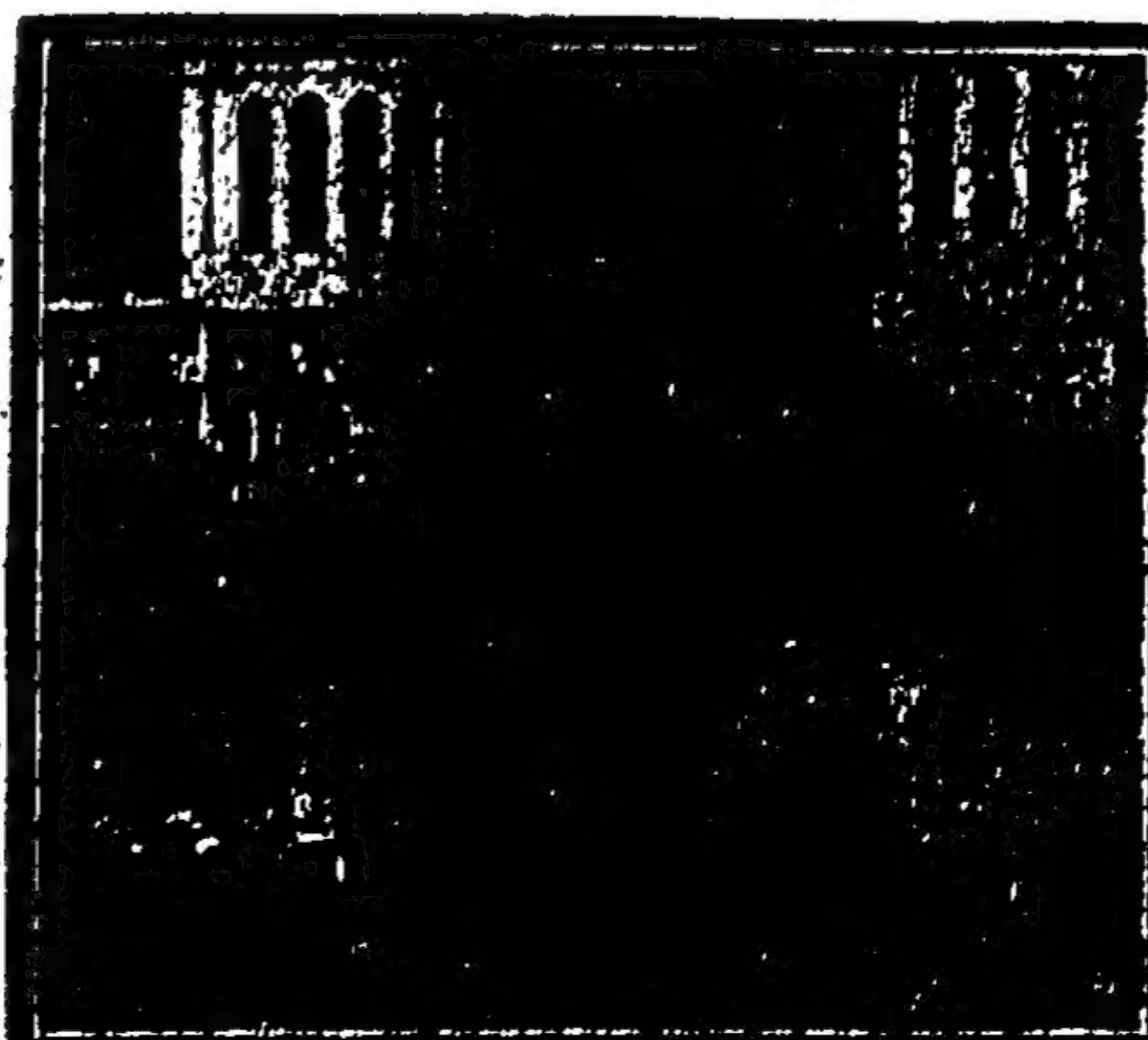
A fine action picture in the hockey match, last Saturday at King's Park, between the "Y" Ladies and the C.B.A. Ladies.—(King's Studio).



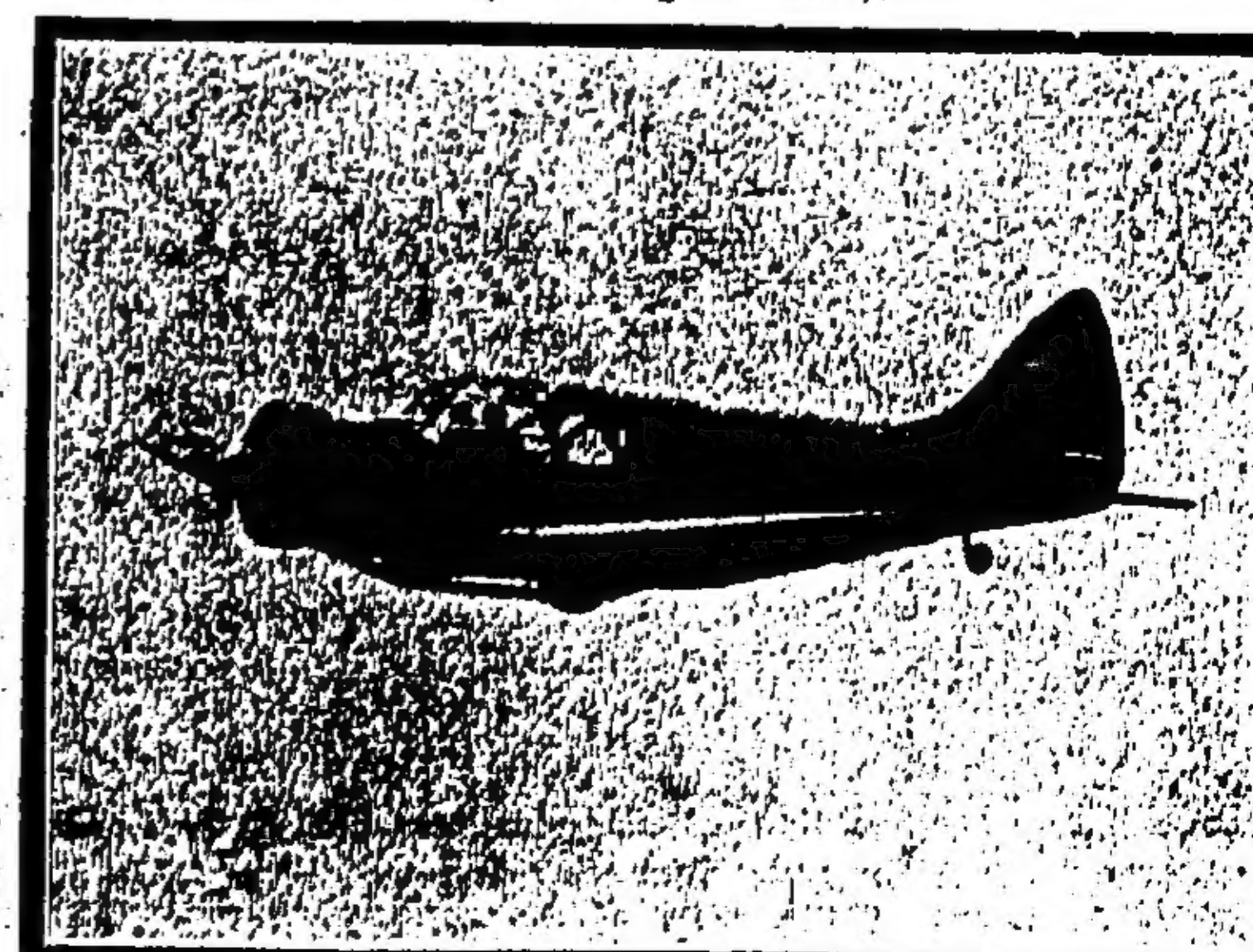
The C. B. A. Ladies (with tunic badges) with the Y. M. C. A. Ladies hockey team with whom they played a drawn game on Saturday.—(King's Studio).



This jolly sailor, caught by the camera at the Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth, seems well pleased with his load of Xmas puddings. (S. & G.).



Pte. Lloyd (S.W.B.) taking a goal kick in the United Services-Club rugby match, on Saturday. L.L. J. H. Forbes (Medway) is placing the ball.



A "Courier" aeroplane, with a cruising speed of 143 m.p.h., demonstrating the Airspeed Retracted Undercarriage, designed to eliminate resistance in flight. (S. & G.).

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I hardly know which to mention specially; his handling of the crowds in the open-air church service, where it rises to heights of brutal drama, or the final Court-martial.

Films like "To-day We Live" and "The Eagle And The Hawk" to mention recent ones, have made me write that I am sick-of the subject of the War; but now along comes a masterpiece and I retract all the unkind things I said. Here, the war atmosphere is almost perfect, with the overdoing of patriotism left out, and sentiment is missing.

Neither the Allies nor the Germans are made out to be monsters, nor are they saints. We never lose sight of the fact that this is War, in its most cruel light, and we see the criminality of it all, from whatever angle it is approached.

You cannot help but be gripped and fascinated, no matter what your nationality, and will confess that this picture is in a class by itself.

It must be truthfully acknowledged that the Commandant Conrad Veldt (seen here in "Rome Express") gives the most masterful performance as the Commandant. Not for one moment overacting, this ruthless man of steel once or twice lets his heart get the better of him, but he seems to revel in his portrayal.

Coming to the women, Madeleine Carroll has seldom looked lovelier and is ideally cast as Marthe. She acts quietly, with repressed emotion and, without mannerisms; her portrayal is extraordinarily real. In that final speech she seems to pray the words, not to recite them, and is splendid throughout.

Marjorie Hunt, as the Aunt, makes her small part one to be remembered.

Herbert Marshall is quietly impressive, but too typically English, and does not quite seem to enter into the feeling of his part as the Alaco-Lorraine. Frenchman conscripted to serve in the German Army.

Sir Gerald du Maurier, as the Hospital Superintendent, and Edmund Gwenn, as the Burgomaster, are other two men who are most outstanding.

Eva Moore, Anthony Bushell, Donald Calthrop, Nigel Bruce and Mary Adams are among the large cast who add their quota of brilliance to the production.

There may seem to be a few minor faults, but let it be remembered that, although some of the situations seem perhaps far-fetched, the story is founded on fact, from the autobiography of the famous Belgian spy, Marthe McKenna.

Gaumont-British, and especially Victor Savile, have cause to be congratulated on giving film fans all over the world a production that can rank with the best any other country has sent us. I say definitely, do not miss it. (King's).

Queen's Programme.

Three pictures been here lately have been about sharks. Now comes the most world of them all—"Tiger Shark".

For some "fans" it will prove just the thing, it has the germ of a make it so; action, comedy and love interest, with a fine character study from Edward G. Robinson as "Portuguese Mike".

Handsome Dick Arden is his part who quickly wins his wife and Zita Johns. Seen here in "The Mother" and "The Silver Cord" in the heart, intense. You may say it is

but please do let the children remain at home.

They will have an enjoyable time seeing Alice Brady, Maureen O'Sullivan and Franchot Tone shining in "Stage Mother." The plot rather reminds me of the old movie, "Mother Knows Best," which Louise Dresser and Midge Bellamy rendered so beautifully.

I like the first part, back stage with Ted Healey adding humour as the song-and-dance man. We all like Healey in the Metro "Shorts" with his three Marx-like pals and Bonny.

Alice Brady was a favourite stage actress of mine many years ago on Broadway. Her screen fame was made in the old movie days, but she preferred the stage, and it was not till "When Ladies Meet," and later, "Beauty for Sale," that we again became Brady-conscious.

I think she stands alone in her special type, and she easily steals the acting honours in this film as the embittered woman who seeks for her daughter the success she herself, could not win. It is not sympathetic, but Miss Brady is so intensely human—I have met her kind so often in the theatrical profession.

Maureen O'Sullivan is surely among the lucky Britishers in Hollywood; she is continually handed plums of parts. I am liking her more each time I see her, but I do wish they would not talk of her beauty; she is fresh, young and attractive, but far from being among the beauties of the screen.

Glad to see Franchot Tone again—he is one of my favourite juveniles leads now.

This is a film I highly recommend. "Stage Mother" is followed by a sure-fire winner "The Solitaire Man." It is unique, uncommon and full of suspense.

Six people are crossing the English Channel by aeroplane: Herbert Marshall, the gentleman thief, who has made his haul, and is about to retire to marry a fellow-worker, Elizabeth Allan; Ralph Forbes, a partner in crime, who has double-crossed Marshall, and is responsible for his presence aboard of a crooked "Police" Informer, Lionel Atwill. May Robson is the other British passenger, and Mary Boland an American tourist.

The unfolding of the plot takes place during the flight. I won't tell how it is worked out, but it is engrossing and splendidly performed by the whole cast. Coming to the Queen's.

"Ladies Must Love"—The Leo Theatre in Vancou, now equipped with sound apparatus, is proving most popular for the second showing of this picture.

To-day the Universal Musicomedy "Ladies Must Love," with June Knight dancing and singing, a levy of pretty gold-diggers, and Neil Hamilton as the dependable hero, should prove an attraction. (Leo Theatre).

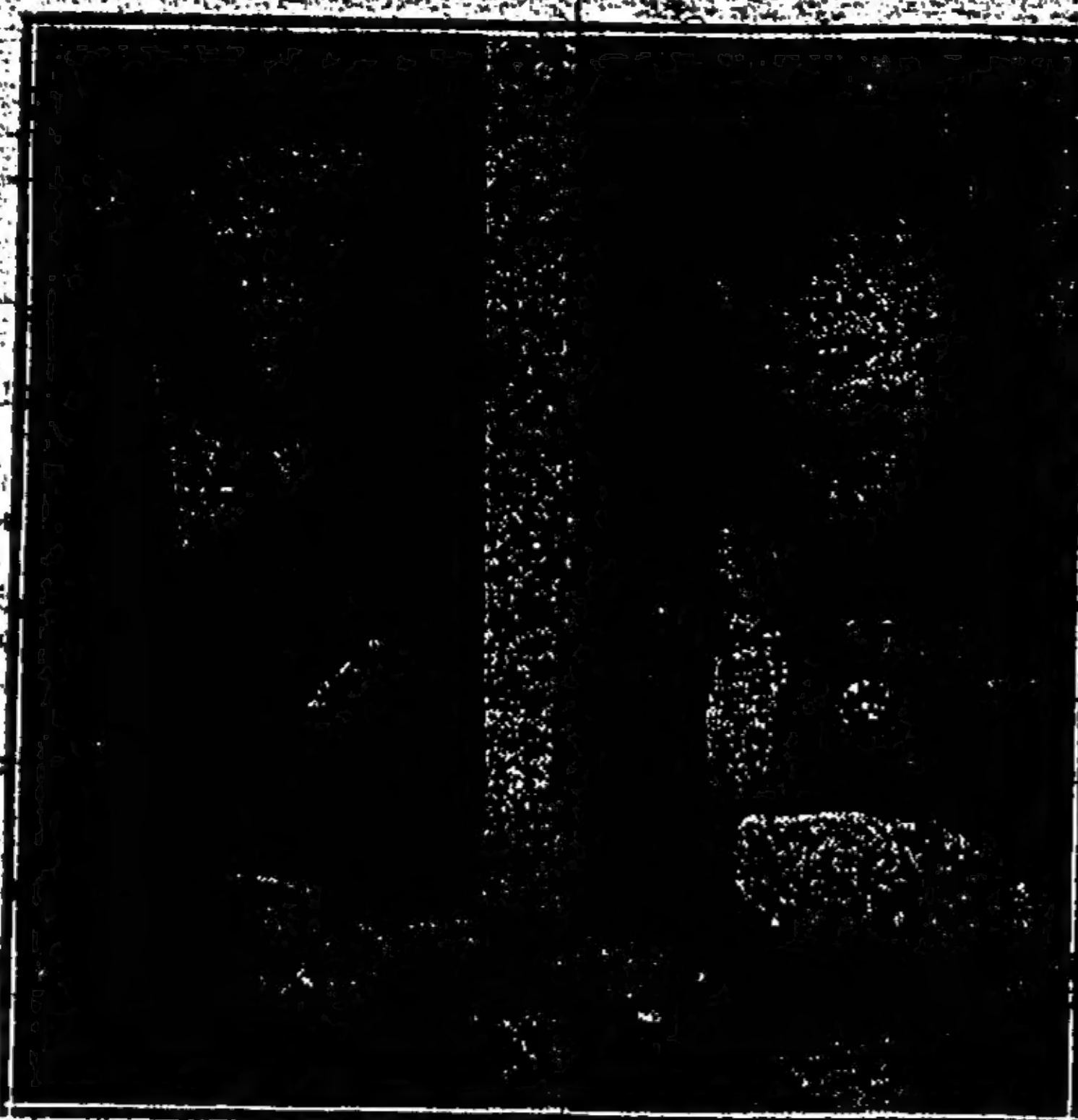
Central Theatre. "The Silver Cord" is reminiscent of "Another Language," being again the problem of the too possessive mother, who loves her two sons unwisely and too well.

Laura Hope Crews is brilliant in this part, and is dominant throughout the film. In the same way, one of my prime favourites, has again a real chance, as the wife of the eldest son (Joel McCrea), who does not take long to realize she is facing a stiff proposition in trying to keep her young husband's love when they return from abroad to his adored mother.

Frances Dee is the affianced of Eric Linden, the other son, and does a surprisingly good piece of work in her one dramatic scene. By the way, this was during the making of this film that McCrea and Miss Dee fell in love, and now sit, now among the crowd, and now in the frame, and now in the frame.

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Back to Hollywood Scene



Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Howard. Although rarely photographed, Mrs. Leslie Howard, wife of the celebrated British screen star, is here pictured with her husband as they arrived at New York after a short vacation in Europe. Film engagements in Hollywood prevented Howard from spending Christmas in his native England.

Seven," wherein Chester Morris, as a novelist, unravels a mysterious murder. There is enough mystery to keep you guessing almost through the whole course of the picture. Chester is always the strong, grand pursuer of justice.

Vivienne Osborne is most attractive as the love interest, with Frank McHugh and Allen Jenkins supplying the humour.

Then Constance Bennett, Joel McCrea, John Halliday, and a newcomer, who is almost the equal of Mae West by name, Pert Kelton—in "Bed of Roses."

More of these later, but most assuredly put them on your "must see" list. Coming to the Central.

"Falling For You"—After seeing "Falling for You," although the antics of Jack Hulbert and wife Cicely Courtneidge prove, as usual, amusing, you will think Hulbert takes on too big a task in directing and acting the stellar role, and what is a little annoying—he gives himself too much of the limelight, while the greatest comedienne in films, bar none, is allowed far too little scope.

The scenery is gorgeous, most of it being taken in Switzerland. There is a thin story, with Hulbert and Courtneidge as rival newspaper reporters, out for a big scoop.

You will undoubtedly fall for Tamara Desni, the Russian dancer from Vienna, who scored under Reinhardt, and then went to the London Coliseum in "Casanova," where she was promptly signed for pictures. She is charming and a most graceful performer on the ice rink.

As most of the scenes were shot amid snow and ice, the humour mostly depends on falls.

Then the story switches to a haunted house in England, with many opportunities for the male star.

I candidly state that Miss Courtneidge is without a rival in her own particular line. I look forward to her latest release, "Sally," where she is given endless opportunity to shine, as she was in "Soldiers of the King." A truly great artist; though my memories of this delightful woman go back many years, yet on stage or screen she still stands supreme.

Courtneidge-Hulbert fans will roll up on Sunday, and I don't think they will be disappointed. (King's).

"Melody Cruise"—This can be highly recommended, especially as a prize favourite, Charles Buzza is in his element as the T.B.M. (Third Business Man) who goes on a pleasure cruise, with gay bachelor friend—a new name to me—Chick Chandler, but a comedian who is headed for big things.

Phil Harris, the famous crooner and orchestra leader, from the Leo Theatre, is the star of the picture, but, personally, I don't think Mr. Harris will go down with British audiences. He should be advised to stick to radio and cinema, and leave screen work to other more competent artists.

The plot need not be mentioned, although mostly takes place aboard ship. There is constant change of scenes. Directed by Edward Lewis, with a fine cast including Miss Dee, and a newcomer, who is almost the equal of Mae West by name, Pert Kelton—in "Bed of Roses."

small bit in "Sweepings") is delightful as the chosen girl, while Shirley Chambers and Florence Roberts add most heartily in a really enjoyable show.

Mark Sandrich (also a new name to me), the Director, uses some new devices, which will be copied by material ingenious in presentation, with music and action combined, which cannot fail to please. Don't miss this at the King's.

"Ace of Aces"—Will give us the third film in a few days with the British actress Elizabeth Allan as heroine. Richard Dix is the hero of the Great War.

The title tells the story, which is not too good. Coming to the King's.

Oriental Theatre. "Young Sinners" was the comeback vehicle for a one-time movie idol, Thomas Meighan. There is not much to be said in the film's favour; it is just another picture.

The two popular comedians, Wheeler and Woolsey, in one of their most absurd farces "Cracked Nuts," should please their wide circle of admirers.

Then "Trick for Trick," which depends on some smart photography. All coming to the Oriental.

Films For Majestic. "Face in the Sky" gives us charming Marian Nixon, and wisecracking Spencer Tracy, with Stuart Edwin, in a most human, amusing story. If you have not seen it, you will be sorry ever to miss a film in which Spencer Tracy appears; he is always good.

Then Constance Bennett, Joel McCrea, and Paul Lukas, not forgetting "Lillie," so delightfully played by baby June Feltner, in "Rockabye." Recommended.

Then Victor Jerry in an absurdly name story, "The Devil in Love," wherein our hero from the Foreign Legion finds true love with Loretta Young, after a series of adventures. To be seen at the Majestic.

Star Theatre, Kewtown. "Raid on Vienna" with Diana Wynyard, most miscast as the aristocrat of an Austrian Archduke, the part being played in the most John Barrymore manner by the said John, who gives his own idea of the mannerisms of a member of the Austrian Royal Family.

"The March," with a Southern accent, does not add to the Vienna atmosphere. Frank Morgan is another example of the miscast who amble through a picture.

Followed by Charles Langdon in "H.G. Wells' Island of Lost Souls." This film is not for the weak. If you missed the British film "Oxygen's Orders," be sure to see it. Cyril Maude, Charlotte Greenwood and Jimmy Chase are in it, among other names.

In the relief of "The Midshipman," seen here recently, perhaps some theatre goers may remember the name of John Mills. He, who has been in the last Hollywood offering, which played in London, "King of the Kongs," is now in "The Midshipman," seen here recently, perhaps some theatre goers may remember the name of John Mills. He, who has been in the last Hollywood offering, which played in London, "King of the Kongs," is now in "The Midshipman," seen here recently, perhaps some theatre goers may remember the name of John Mills.

"Sleeping Car," with Ivor Novello. Conrad Veldt is in his early 40's. Born in Berlin. Stage work under Reinhardt. First screen appearance in 1919, when he went to Hollywood. Married, so far, three times. Now living in England.

Short Shots. Two actors, Jack Hulbert and Jack Buchanan, have been criticised so severely for stalling and directing their films, that Jack Buchanan, now trying out his newest stage play, "Mr. Whittington," in his native city of Glasgow, states, emphatically that in future he will only set his films and leave the directing to someone more competent.

It is not generally known that May Robson was originally May Robinson, and that she was born in Australia in 1865, but educated in England and France.

Beautiful Gloria Stuart, after finishing with Eddie Cantor in "Roman Scandal" is hoping to visit China—that is, when she finishes at Universal in "I Like It That Way."

Judy Kelly, the Australian girl, like Nancy Brown, has made good at Elstree in films.

Maureen O'Sullivan is seriously ill in a Hollywood Hospital. Richard Dix is recovering from a bad case of pneumonia.

Two noted comedians, Betty Blythe at the Fox Studio and Betty Balfour returning to British films with G-B Studio.

Henry Kendall and Wendy Barrie are to star together in "Digging Deep," a new British film picture.

Marjorie Beebe, seen in Mack Sennett Comedies, has married the owner of a Hollywood Restaurant.

Jean Harlow is asking for more money, so her latest film, with Marie Dressler, "Living in a Big Way," has not yet started production.

Despite the many objections to animal films, Clyde Beatty will do yet another with a menagerie of animals as helpers.

\$12,000 was realised for the Gala Opening of Lady Eleanor Smith's "Red Wagon" at the Marble Arch Regal. The presence of the Prince of Wales gave it a tremendous boost. Proceeds went to Ted H Fund.

Among those about to be divorced in Hollywood are the young Frank Albertson, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Rubin and the Ned Sparks. Edward Sutherland, the famous Director, will return to the land of his birth, England, to direct for B.I.P.

Fred Astaire will play the same part in the film version for R.E.O. that he is now doing in London in "Gay Divorce."

Joan Crawford went to New York to meet and gain the approval of her future husband's folk—the Tones—parents of Franchot.

Charlotte Brooks' famous "Jane Eyre" is to filmed by an independent company in Hollywood.

Edward G. Robinson is causing trouble at Warner; he refuses to work in their choice of stories any longer.

R.E.O.'s "Little Women" is the outstanding hit of the New York season. In three weeks it took over \$110,000.

Douglas Fairbanks Jun. has really returned to Hollywood to play the lead in the R.E.O. "Subzero Story."

"Frying Pan To Rio" later ends the Tones' double-bill and a new Hollywood double-bill, "Outlawed" DeMare, and the and Fred Astaire have the same.

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Those who still find pleasure in Gilbert's wit and Sullivan's music will shortly be given an opportunity to indulge their taste at the Philharmonic Society's production of "The Pirates of Penzance."

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Gilbert's wit was never more trenchant. In "Major General Stanley, the father of many daughters who form the Beauty Chorus of Victorian maidens," he has portrayed the versatile soldier-statesman of the period, with a bit of a humbug and a great snob.

Frederic, the pirates' apprentice, who provides the sub-title to the opera, exemplifies the Victorian slavish adherence to duty which, at times, was carried to such excess as to savour of hypocrisy.

The Pirate King, who regarded his profession, when contrasted with respectability, as "comparatively honest," is delightfully drawn, and his sentimental followers are a joy for ever.

Then Gilbert's kindly humour at the expense of the Police serves to remind us that the force which Sir Robert Peel created took a long time to live down the derision which greeted its advent.

But one might continue, as in the old pointing out, the features which serve to make the opera one of the most popular. The Philharmonic Society will present a splendid and pleasing performance at the King's Theatre early in February, and it is hoped that the public will show their appreciation of the hard work put in by the producer, the cast, and all concerned by patronising the booking office and ensuring a financial success to the venture.

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Miss Margery Rice, Miss Audrey Steele, Miss Evelyn O'Hagan and Miss Trans Boe charmed the audience, while Messrs. J. J. Ferguson and J. C. Grenham did excellent work as the Wicked Uncle and Nurse respectively.

The dancing of the Fairies, amongst whom Miss Faddy Pasco is outstanding, reflects credit on the tuition of Miss W. Henderson.

Miss Margery Rice and Mr. Rupert Baldwin were at the piano for the songs, while Mr. Ronnie True played the modern music. The stage and property managers were Messrs. J. H. Hunt, J. Young, S. M. West, D. Wilson, W. J. Brown and Mrs. Lanchester.

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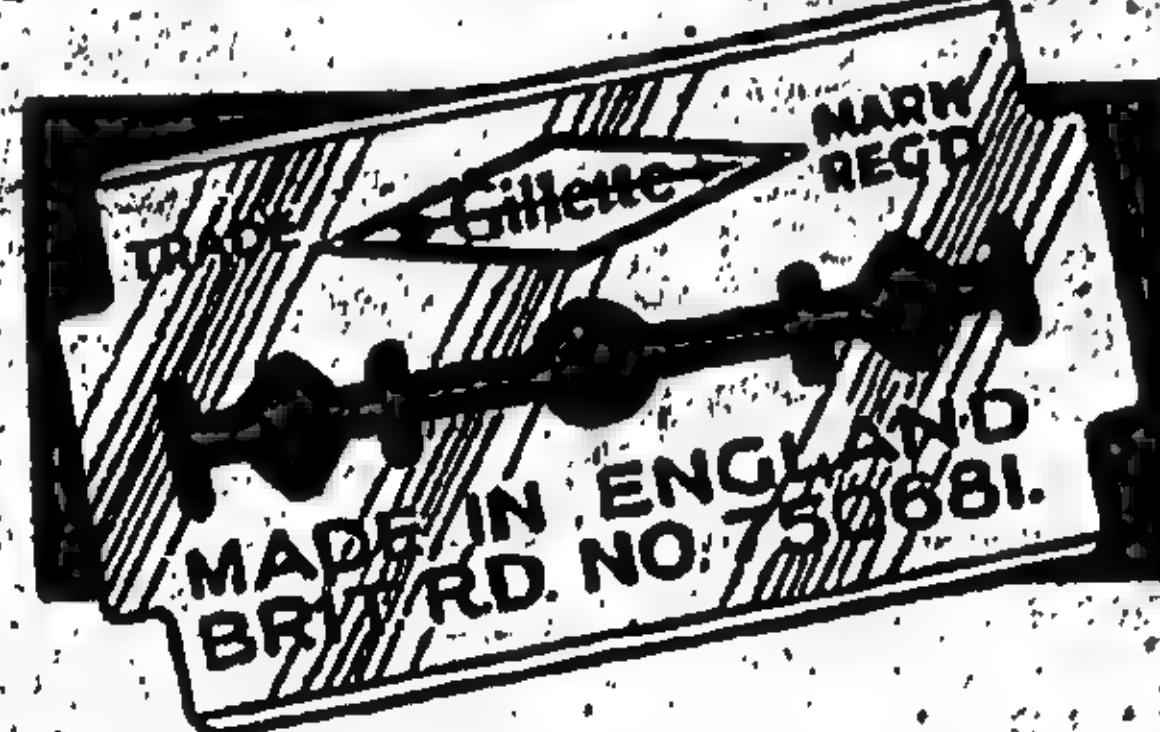
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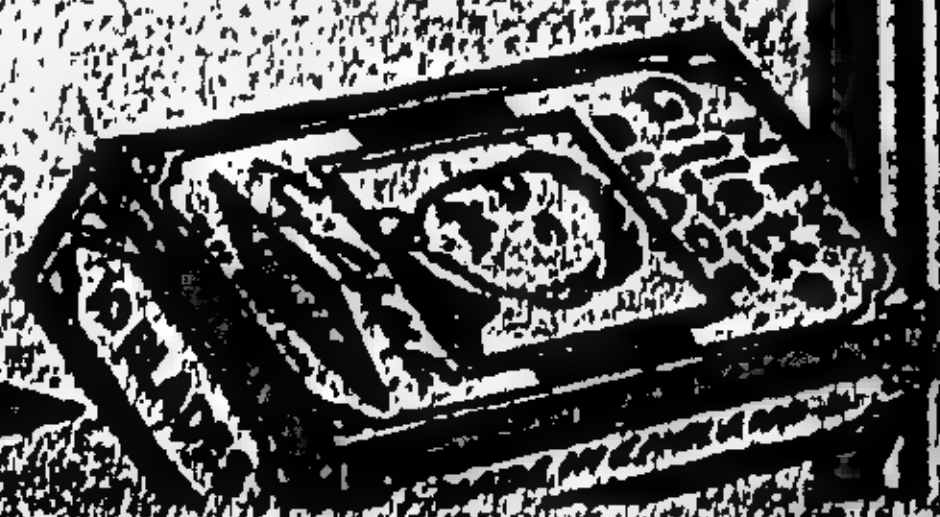
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Peace Treaty To Go?

There seems to be little doubt that the League of Nations will have to be remodelled if the ideal behind the Covenant is to be preserved. The world has not been made safe for democracy; and it is no fault of the League that democracy in one great country after another has surrendered to despotism—whether good, bad, or indifferent is beside the point. The United States, Russia, Japan, and Germany are out of the League, and Mussolini for Italy has expressed his disgust with it and insisted that it must be remodelled. All these countries are now engaged in arming themselves in disquieting fashion. Is it merely coincidence that each of them has virtually abandoned democratic self-government, its people accepting a dictatorship either by consent or lacking power to protest? If Italy is to abandon Geneva, too, what remains of the League? Sir John Simon's visit to Rome is intimately connected with Mussolini's latest proposal, the development of the Four Power Pact scheme into an amalgamation for European self-defence in the new world "in which," he said to a Roman audience last month, "whole continents will be ranged economically against each other." It is not mere cynicism, but something unpleasantly like the truth, that a commentator utters in the "Nineteenth Century" when he says that the League in future bids fair to become "a private tea-party to which Great Britain and France will invite the children." The mass of comment in the latest European Press files leaves little room for doubt that the Geneva Disarmament Conference is to all intents and purposes dead. Inadequately supported, and its sanctions inoperable, the League owns but a pretence of authority. It does not represent European democracy, whose voice is in wide regions of Europe quite silent. France clings to it because it is part of the Versailles Treaty, and that treaty seems to be rapidly crumbling. The year 1935 will be fatal all over the world. In the Pacific it is the date of the new Washington Treaty Conference, and of the expiry of Japan's notice of resignation from the League. Japan intends to demand equal naval strength this time with the United States, and will insist upon retaining its ter-

ritorial possessions the League-mandated Pacific islands. In Europe, it is the year of the Saar plebiscite to determine whether that district shall be incorporated in France or in Germany. Germany wants the Saar without any plebiscite, and recent exhibitions of "peaceful penetration" of Germany's borders leave small doubt about Nazi intentions. It will also be the first year in France's four-year "danger period" because of shortage of recruits. In face of this stormy prospect, disarmament is a myth, and British politicians' appeals to all friends of the League to rally to its support seem quite vain. Germany will not return to the League because the Hitler Government has vowed that the Peace treaty must be remodelled. Mussolini's is at this juncture a decisive voice. Italy will make terms with France if peace treaty arrangements in North Africa are altered, to allow her to extend her Libyan districts towards Lake Chad and the Sudan. But the terms must be, says Mussolini, not the maintenance of the existing League and its babel of voices from Balkan, Asiatic, and South American countries, but the establishment of a Four Power authority in Western Europe, including Germany. That authority, says Mussolini, can arrange armaments and any other international agreement. But beyond all doubt such agreement will entail revision of the Versailles Treaty, and probably a realignment of certain European boundaries. There is not much really separating French and Italian opinion on the proposed reamalgamation of Hungary with Austria. The current disarmament talks, declares the diplomatic correspondent of the "Morning Post," are really a blind to the real issue of treaty revision. Germany has made known that the matters upon which she desired direct negotiations with France are the rectification of the Polish corridor, the recession of Silesia and its rich coalfields, the absorption of Austria within Germany, and the return of the German colonies. "Emphasis," says the "Morning Post" writer, "has for long been falsely laid on disarmament. The new Germany rejects the Peace treaty from top to bottom. Germany says: 'We mean to restore the Germany of 1914. You can either give it to us and live in peace, or withhold it, till we are strong enough to take it.' It may be that these represent Germany's maximum demands, asserted in order to extract the utmost in compromise. Clearly, insistence upon them all to-day would bring about Germany's alliance with Russia, and possibly Russia and America."

HERE, THERE
and
EVERYWHERE

Cricket And "Racket"

Cricket killed racketeering in England. An American sociologist thinks this.

He set out to find the ideal sportsman. He describes him as a cross between Bill Tilden and Bobby Jones. But he has to admit that in the United States no such combination exists in any team game.

In his search he falls back on the English cricketer—the personification of poise, dignity, fairness and gentlemanly bearing.

England Saved!

This is how he works out the racketeering theory.

The game, he declares, first took hold on the imagination of the English people when the country was politically and socially corrupt and when "speculators, bandits and highwaymen were running a gay race to see which could wreck the country first."

Gradually the influence of a set of men who were determined to keep themselves decent and to "play the game" asserted itself, and we became a decent nation.

The author has seen only two games of first-class cricket. Both were at the Oval. Neither was a Test match.

Surrey people will feel flattered.

The Younger Child

The German State Department in charge of the "bigger families" propaganda has discovered that genius is usually found in someone department quotes Bismarck, a with older brothers or sisters. The fourth child, Bach, an eighth, Wagner, a seventh (If the Geyer theory can be thrown overboard) and Kant, a fourth.

A further list makes awkward reading: for those who hold that the first child is physically and mentally the best.

Huxley, Voltaire, Darwin and Van Dyck were seventh children. Nelson, Walpole, George Washington and Cromwell were fifth sons, John Wesley a fifteenth, and his brother Charles an eighteenth.

And Dame Madge Kendal, still vigorous at 85, is the youngest of a family of 22.

Naming The Elements

The concern shown by scientists over finding a suitable name for the newly discovered "heavy hydrogen" is a welcome change.

Chemists are responsible for producing some of the worst hybrid words in the English language. Even the elements suffer from haphazard naming.

Most of the older chemical names were derived from Greek. There is no uniformity, nowadays even in this.

Rubidium and Caesium are named after Latin words for red and blue. Zirconium is Arabic. Hydrogen itself is, of course, a Greek word.

Of the names proposed for the new gas the best seems to me Lord Rutherford's "deuteron." The worst is the American "deuterium."

Facts You Did Not Know.

Japanese interests have begun the production of cotton in New Guinea.

A French chemist has invented a process for removing the shine from worn clothing and restoring the nap.

Of German invention is a pocket pencil that serves as a pistol, firing bullets when a knob is pressed.

Fuel briquettes are made by a new machine that mixes garbage with coal dust and compresses the mixture.

Shatterproof glass is being made by placing a coating of a sugar derivative between two sheets of plate glass.

About 42 per cent. of the electrically lighted homes in Canada are in Ontario had more than 27 per cent. in Quebec.

An electrically operated device has been invented to control the humidity of the air in a room at any desired point.

Experiments that promise success have been carried out on the use of Man in the cultivation of New Zealand flax.

MAN OF TO-MORROW
VISUALISEDFINER PHYSIQUE AND
EQUABLE TEMPER

12 YEARS LONGER TO LIVE?

(By H. G. Wells.)

Supposing that the world will emerge from its present phase of slump without a complete social collapse, in that case one of the first things that is likely to occur is a very considerable reorganisation of the health services of mankind.

Things were ripening for that before the slump. The ordinary general practitioner is likely to disappear altogether. In 1933 (if all goes well) I think you will seek in vain for any gentleman behind a brass plate who will undertake (provided that you are sufficiently hawell) to cure you of whatever it is. And not only will he not be there, but I am sure you will not see him. You will have been brought up in a new dream of looking for him.

You will have been brought up by people—I will not call them doctors, teachers, tutors, schoolmasters, nurses or governesses because that immediately summons up images of contemporary types—who will be educationists.

From the moment of your birth (under the direction of a skilful obstetrician) you will be competent to look after. The world will no longer be casual about its children. It will have these competent people alert to prevent your life going wrong from the outset. They will be equally concerned in watching over the directing the developing of your body and your mind. Your early nursery, your home, your class rooms and playing fields, will all have been in touch with a proper staff of competent observers.

Your mother will have been taught her business—for it is pure superstition to think that an uneducated woman knows her maternal job by instinct. She will be alive to the significance of a high temperature, a fit of irritability or a phase of lassitude, and she will have spared you that regime of scolding, slapping, petting, and neglect which is the method of the untrained mother all the world over.

Not only do I see the general practitioners vanishing from the world, but I am inclined to think the small private nursery and the nursemaid will almost entirely be superseded by little nursery schools with a dozen or so children in them. The unskilled, untrained school teacher will not simply have vanished. He or she will have been asked to get off the earth.

In the place of these and controlling the nursery school and the primary school, there will be the new type of I feel must appear, the educationist as I have called him or her, this supervisor of development, mental and bodily.

Scientific Development
The actual teaching of skill and the imparting of knowledge will be an essential but a minor factor in this supervisor's work. Given mental and bodily health, that sort of thing will be very much easier to do than it is now. A healthy child wants to learn.

The nagging, pressure, and punishment that still goes with teaching to-day is due largely to

the inefficiency of the teacher and the unhealthiness in body and disposition of the taught. These "supervisors of development," who will by a sort of coalescence of functions replace the family doctor and the schoolmaster in the days to come, will also I think trench on the functions of the spiritual adviser or father confessor.

They will be producing right-behaviour systems in body and mind alike. The knowledge they will have to possess, their theoretical and practical knowledge, will include a lot of psychology, physiology, and pathology, and if on the one hand it is broader than that of any of the kinds of people they will succeed and supersede, on the other it will be much more readily supplemented by special teachers and specialists.

Specialists will multiply in the future, in the field of health just as in every other field, while at the same time general treatment will broaden.

The world, if all goes well with it, will consist very largely of specialists who know every detail about and every relationship of something, and of special supervisors who will know everything in outline and in correlation.

As long as you are well you will have nothing to do with the specialists; so soon as you fall ill in mind or body your supervisor will call in the specialist or (when there are two or more aspects of the matter) the several specialists concerned.

Practical Dietetics
At present, people think of rare individuals going off to some marvellous exceptional practitioner, a sort of magician, who will "treat" them and make them more or less fresh and young again.

But if there are ways, and certainly ways of freshening up life and renewing its "go" do exist and are being traced out, then inevitably in a progressive civilisation these things will come into ordinary life. There will be no secret processes in a civilised world. There will be nothing exclusive.

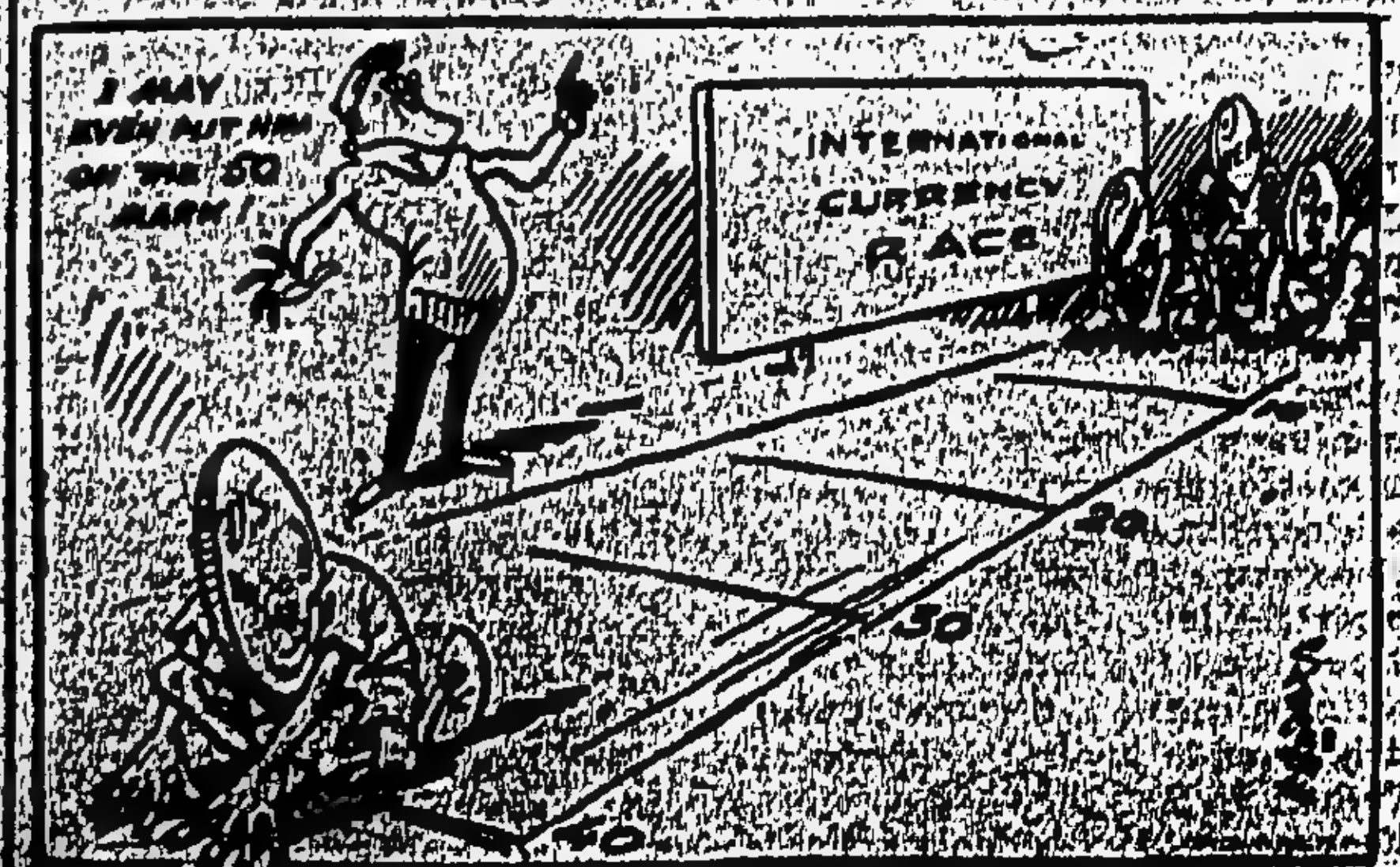
What is good enough for one will be good enough for all. We are also probably approaching a real practical science of dietetics, hitherto the happy playing ground of the faddist and the ego-centred experimentalist.

No animal is so recklessly promiscuous in its eating and drinking as man. We fall into the strangest routines of feeding and if they do not cause us immediate inconvenience we are ignorantly reckless of any cumulative effects.

Every one of us to-day is going about with all sorts of substances in his blood that he would be better without, and deficient in many factors which it is highly desirable he should have.

A generation or so of research work will alter all that. Nutrition also will have been cleaned up, and in place of the fearful muddle of fancies, self-indulgence, distorted appetites, mis-punishment that still goes with applied fears and aversions, bad teaching to-day is due largely to

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ON YOUR MARKS

CLAIM FOR SALARY AND BONUS

Factory Manager Sues Chinese Syndicate.

PROJECT THAT FAILED TO MATERIALISE

Some lively passages between plaintiff and cross-examining counsel were heard this morning at the Supreme Court when a claim by Mr. George Fowler Allen, factory manager, for £2,931 against the New Zealand China Trading Company and Chow Tat-kwong, jointly and severally, came before the Acting Chief Justice, Hon. Mr. J. R. Wood.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. H. J. Armstrong of Messrs. Deacons, appeared for the plaintiff while Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C., instructed by Mr. P. H. Sin, represented the defendant Chow Tat-kwong.

The jury empanelled consisted of Messrs. H. R. B. Hancock (foreman), F. H. Crapnell, W. T. Stanton, P. V. Botello, A. H. Compton, J. H. Taggart and C. B. Brown.

Mr. Macnamara, opening his case, said that since the action was entered the plaintiff had compromised his claim against two other defendants, Messrs. Lo Po-yin and Li Chor-chi, without prejudice to his claim against the present defendants.

Mr. Allen was employed by the defendants as factory manager upon terms contained in a letter dated March 24, 1933, addressed by the plaintiff to Kurt Offenburger, who at all times was the agent of the defendants. The offer contained in the said letter was accepted by the defendant by two cablegrams dated June 24 and 27. The terms of employment as set out in the offer were for two years at a salary of £520 per annum, with bonus.

On October 13 of last year the defendants terminated the plaintiff's employment and dismissed him, verbally refusing to employ him any longer.

The plaintiff claimed the sum of £1,040 being salary for two years and £2,000 for bonus and £100 as passage back to New Zealand. He has since been paid salary amounting to £379.5 and two sums of \$1,000 each by Messrs. Lo Po-yin and Li Chor-chi, amounting to £140.12.6 and now claims the sum of £2,931.18.3 from the New Zealand China Trading Company and Chow Tat-kwong.

Witness was to have been the manager of a factory for exploiting reconstituted milk and other dairy produce.

Cross-examined by Mr. Eldon Potter, plaintiff said the project for which he had been brought to Hong Kong would have required a capital of about \$300,000.

Witness said that it was not until October 27 that he was aware that there were no directors and that it was not a limited company for which he was working.

Witness further stated that he assumed there would be some directors competent to carry the project through.

Cross-examined rather searchingly witness stated that counsel "had a way of putting eggs into his mouth which produced chickens, and he ate neither of them," this provoking laughter in Court.

Milk Factory.

Witness said he thought that Messrs. Li Chor-chi and Mr. Offenburger were directors, as they took him out to view a piece of land where the proposed factory for exploiting reconstituted milk was to be erected, remarking "This is our land."

Witness said he had never troubled to enquire whether there were any directors or not; he was content to look after his own job.

Witness said that two of the partners in the New Zealand China Trading Co. had admitted liability and had offered him \$1,000 each.

Counsel allowed that Mr. Lo Po-yin had admitted liability, but denied that Mr. Li Chor-chi had, although the latter had offered \$1,000 for peace and quietness.

Witness denied that any offer had been made by Mr. Li Chor-chi on behalf of Mr. Chow Tat-kwong.

Re-examined by Mr. Macnamara, witness replied that he did not know whether the syndicate of Chinese who were employing him had any capital or not.

The case is proceeding.

In Spanish Crisis



Alejandro Lerroux. General elections which resulted in crisis of Spanish government and resignation of Premier Diego Martinez Barrio finds Alejandro Lerroux, who recently was Premier for brief term, in ascendancy. He is expected to head all-radical cabinet.

SUB-LIEUTENANT D. E. GILLESPIE

Funeral This Morning At Happy Valley.

FULL NAVAL HONOURS

The funeral of Sub-Lieutenant D. E. Gillespie, of H.M.S. Verity, who died at sea yesterday morning with full naval honours at Happy Valley.

The coffin, which was draped with a Union Jack, was conveyed from the Royal Naval Hospital to the cemetery on a gun-carriage drawn by a crew from H.M.S. Verity. An escort of 100 men drawn from the Flotilla Leader Keppel and the Destroyer Whitehall, under Lieutenant J. H. Swain, followed the gun-carriage, while a Royal Marine Band attended.

The Verity also supplied the firing party under Lieutenant O. G. Cameron.

The Rev. F. N. Chamberlain, of H. M. Dockyard, officiated at the graveside. Among the officers present were Captain A. R. Hammick (Keppel), Commodore Frank Elliott, O.B.E., R.N., Lt. Comdr. S. A. Bues (Verity), Pay. Lt. Comdr. J. S. Lancaster (Keppel), Lt. R. S. Christian-Edwards (Keppel), Lt. H. C. R. Alexander (Keppel), Sub-Lt. H. A. T. Luard (Keppel), Gunner (T) B. E. Chitty (Verity) Cd. Gr. (T) J. R. Smith (Keppel), Captain C. Pennack (Lincoln), 2nd Lt. D. R. Wilson (Lincoln), 2nd Commodore A. L. Shikma of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve (Hong Kong).

Wreaths were sent by Captain A. R. Hammick, The Ward Room Officers (Tamar), Captain and Mrs. E. M. Bolt, Ship's Company (Verity), Mr. A. L. Shields, Ward Room Mess (U.S.S. Fulton), Ward Room Officers (Keppel), Captain and Officers (Verity), Captain, Officers and Ship's Company (Whitshed), Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Stewart Buss, Mr. H. S. Rouse, C. Ah Ying and Co. (Canton Tenant), Lower Mess Deck (Verity), Ship's Company (Keppel) and Chief and Petty Officers (Verity).

ARCHBISHOP ON GERMANY

Question Of Church And State.

CLAIM FOR EQUALITY OF ARMAMENTS.

London, To-day.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, at the Upper House of Convocation, referred to the difficulties of the situation between the German Church and State.

The Archbishop said, "With the desire that the new-found unity of the State should be accompanied by greater unity in the Church we cannot but sympathise, but we trust that the unity of the Church will not be achieved at the cost of its spiritual freedom; and we earnestly trust that both the Catholic and the Reformed Churches in Germany may be left free to give their own unhindered witness and influence to national life."

Touching on the question of disarmament he expressed the deep anxiety with which the Bishops were watching the negotiations for a solution, without which there could be no recovery for the world from the economic issues which beset it.

"However strong and clear our ideals may be," he said, "we must recognise the realities of the difficulties of adjusting the natural claim of Germany for equality with the equally natural claim of France for security; but we earnestly hope that some preliminary convention may be obtained which will clear the way, within the near future, for a wider and fuller convention, on the basis, not of the levelling up of armaments, but drawn by common consent to the level necessary for internal safety and defence."—British Wireless Service.

TIFFIN-PARTY TO COLONEL THOMS.

Local Antipodeans' Welcome.

HONG KONG DEFENCES

Colonel N. W. B. Thoms, D.S.O., M.C., the retiring Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, was yesterday entertained at a complimentary tiffin by the Australian and New Zealand Association.

Among those present were Dr. H. D. Matthews (Chairman), Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Major E. J. R. Mitchell, O.B.E., Capt. P. S. M. Wilkinson, Lt. C. de S. Robertson, M.M., Mr. S. T. Williamson, Mr. J. S. Way, Mr. J. Hunter, Mr. A. W. Ingram, Mr. J. Kelleher, Mr. J. Wolfe, Mr. L. Tatham, Mr. N. Stockton, Mr. E. Salk, Mr. C. Cheong, Mr. A. C. Ellis, Mr. I. McInnes, Mr. A. E. Bates, and Mr. C. P. Taylor.

Colonel Thoms said:—"I was very interested to see that in Hong Kong you have an Anzac Company in the Volunteer Defence Corps. This is something to be proud of and I hope that every member of the Association will join it."

"This Colony is the key to the defence of all British interests in the East. Without security such as Hong Kong provides there can be no trade. The Australians and New Zealanders in Hong Kong (Continued at Foot of Next Col.)

To-day's Short Story.

The Robbery In Phillimore Terrace

By Baroness Orczy

WHETHER Miss Polly Burton, the "Evening Observer" reporter, really did expect to see the old man in the corner that Saturday afternoon is difficult to say; certain it is that when she found her way to the table close by the window and realised that he was not there she felt conscious of an overwhelming sense of disappointment.

And yet during the whole of the week she had, with more pride than wisdom, avoided this particular A.B.C. shop.

"I thought you would not keep away very long," said a quiet voice close to her ear.

She nearly lost her balance—where in the world had he come from? She certainly had not heard the slightest sound, and yet there he sat, in the corner, like a veritable Jack-in-the-Box, his mild blue eyes staring apologetically at her, his nervous fingers toying with the inevitable bit of string.

Placing a small photograph before the girl, he said quietly:

"That is the back of the houses in Phillimore Terrace which overlook Adam and Eve Mews."

"You will notice that the row of back gardens have each an exit into the mews. These mews are built in the shape of a capital F. The photograph is taken looking straight down the short horizontal line, which ends, as you see, in a cul-de-sac. The bottom of the vertical line turns into Phillimore-terrace, and the end of the upper long horizontal

line into High-street, Kensington. Now, on that particular night, or rather early morning, of January 15, Constable D21, having turned into the mews from Phillimore-terrace, stood for a moment at the angle formed by the long vertical artery of the mews and the short horizontal one which, as I observed before, looks on to the back gardens of the Terrace houses, and ends in a cul-de-sac.

"How long D21 stood at that particular corner he could not exactly say, but he thinks it must have been three or four minutes before he noticed a suspicious-looking individual shambling along under the shadow of the garden walls. He was working his way cautiously in the direction of the cul-de-sac, and D21, also keeping well within the shadow, went noiselessly after him.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Where The Story Ends," by Aird Galloway.

"He had almost overtaken him—was, in fact, not more than thirty yards from him—when from out of one of the two end houses—No. 22, Phillimore-terrace, in fact—a man, in nothing but his night-shirt, rushed out excitedly, and, before D21 had time to intervene, literally threw himself upon the suspected individual, rolling over and over with him on the hard-cobble-stones, and frantically shrieking, 'Thief! Thief! Police!'

"It was some time before the constable succeeded in rescuing the tramp from the excited grip of his assailant, and several minutes before he could make himself heard.

"There! there! that'll do!" he managed to say at last, as he gave the man in the shirt a vigorous shove, which silenced him for the moment. "Leave the man alone now, you mustn't make that noise this time of night, waddin' up all the folks." The unfortunate tramp, who in the meanwhile had managed to get on to his feet again, made no attempt to get away; probably he thought he would stand but a poor chance. But the man in the shirt had partly recovered his power of speech, and was now blurting out jerky, half-intelligible sentences:

"I have been robbed—robbed—I—that is—my master—Mr. Knopf. The desk is open—the diamonds gone—all in my charge—and—now they are stolen! That's the thief—I'll swear—I heard him—not three minutes ago—I rushed downstairs—the door into the garden was smashed—I ran across the garden—he was sneaking about here still—Thief! Thief! Police! Diamonds! Constable, don't let him go!"

"Now then—that'll do!" admonished D21 as soon as he could get a word in.

"The man in the shirt was gradually recovering from his excitement.

"Can I give this man in charge?" he asked.

"What for?"

"Burglary and housebreaking. I heard him, I tell you. He must have Mr. Knopf's diamonds about him at this moment."

"Where is Mr. Knopf?"

"Out of town," groaned the man in the shirt. "He went to Brighton last night, and left me in charge, and now this thief has been and—"

"The tramp shrugged his shoulders and suddenly, without a word, he quietly began taking off his coat and waistcoat. These he handed across to the constable. Eagerly the man in the shirt fell on them, and will commence a series of confoundedly rapid pocketings inside of the American out."

From one of the windows a Government regarding important military questions affecting the two countries, as the tramp with equal rapidity began directing himself of his further garments.

"Now then stop that nonsense," pronounced D21 severely, "what were you doing here this time of night, anyway?"

"The streets of London is free to the public, ain't they?" queried the tramp.

"This don't land nowhere, my man," said the constable, "you're a tramp, and you're a thief, and you're a nuisance, and you're a—"

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SAITO TO CONFER WITH SWANSON.

New Envoy To Discuss Naval Conference.

Tokyo. Mr. Hiroshi Saito, newly appointed Japanese Ambassador to the United States, will assume his post at Washington during the first week of February. It is officially announced here.

After presenting his credentials to President Roosevelt, Mr. Saito will commence a series of conferences with members of the American Government regarding important military questions affecting the two countries, as the tramp with equal rapidity began directing himself of his further garments.

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UNMUZZLED DOG IN KOWLOON.

European Fined; Second Summons Dismissed.

At the Kowloon Magistracy today before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, Mr. D. C. Wilson of 4 Essex Crescent was fined \$8 for allowing his dog out without a muzzle on January 9.

A further summons for allowing the dog to wander abroad unmuzzled on January 7 was dismissed.

A summons against Mr. Jackson of Prince Edward Road was also dismissed.

Cabinet Meets On Arms Issue

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during his visit to Geneva last week.

A very careful consideration is now being given to the question of what further step by Britain has been made to prepare the ground for the resumption of the delivery of the Disarmament Conference.

British Warships Sailed.

The four British warships which sailed from Hong Kong on January 23, for the purpose of carrying out the terms of the 1922 Naval Disarmament Conference, have now returned to Hong Kong.

Mr. Saito is now at Geneva, completing his duties as Ambassador.

The Netherlands.

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U. S. Couple Spy Suspects



Robert Gordon Davis. An FBI police officer is not so surprised to see a man who is suspected of being a spy, as an American couple was about ten persons already arrested. The couple is Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gordon Davis of East Orange, N. J. Mrs. Davis is the former Marie Perle of New York.

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FOOD AND HOME ECONOMICS



GINGERBREAD UPSIDEDOWN CAKE IS GOOD

Canned Fruits Add Dessert Flavour.

Just a little bit different, and oh, so good, is this gingerbread upside-down cake. You can make it with either canned pineapple or apricots and when it is topped with whipped cream—what a dessert.

For the upsidedown part you will need:

- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup dark molasses
- 1 can sliced pineapple (or apricots)
- 1/4 cup broken nut meats
- 1/4 cup raisins

Melt butter in heavy iron skillet add molasses and bring to boil. Take from fire. Arrange fruit, that has been drained of all juice, in bottom of skillet. Fill in spaces with nut meats and raisins. Let skillet stand in warm place while you mix this batter:

- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon combination baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup dark molasses
- 1/2 cup boiling water

Sift all dry ingredients. Cream shortening and sugar. Stir beaten egg and molasses. Add dry ingredients and milk, blend well. Finally add boiling water. Beat again and pour over slices of fruit skillet. Bake 35 minutes in 350 degree oven. Test before taking from oven as fruit bottom may require a little longer baking. Turn out on serving plate with fruit side up. Serve warm, with whipped cream if desired.

Blackberry Cornstarch Pudding

- 2 cups canned blackberry juice
 - 1/2 cup sugar (if juice is unsweetened)
 - 3 tablespoons cornstarch
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 - 1 tablespoon butter
- Put blackberry juice in top of double boiler and heat thoroughly. Then add sugar with cornstarch and salt. Stir well while heating for the next 15 minutes. When you take it from the fire add lemon juice and butter. Beat well and pour into serving dish to chill. Creamer or lemon sauce should be served with this.

PARSNIP PATTY CAKES.

New Way With Old Vegetables.

- Six parsnips, 1-2 teaspoon salt, 1-3 teaspoon white pepper, 1 teaspoon sugar, 3 tablespoons butter, cracker crumbs, 1 egg.
- Boil parsnips in slightly salted boiling water. When tender drain and plunge into cold water. Slip skins. Mash and season with salt, pepper, sugar and butter. Make into small flat cakes and roll in cracker crumbs. Dip in egg slightly beaten with 1 tablespoon cold water and roll again in crumbs. Sauté in butter and bacon fat until a delicate brown.

HINTS TO FRESHEN BISCUITS

To warm over biscuits, or rolls, sprinkle lightly with water, then place pan containing them in a large pan of hot water. Put in oven for a few minutes to freshen before serving.

BEET GREENS WITH LEMON.

Simple Method Of Giving Flavour.

This is a very simple way to cook greens. The bacon fat and lemon give the green an excellent flavour without the bother of making a tart sauce.

Two pounds beet greens, 4 tablespoons bacon fat, 1-2 lemon, 1-4 cup boiling water, 1 teaspoon sugar, 1-2 teaspoon ginger, few grains white pepper, 1-4 teaspoon salt.

Wash and chop greens and put into a sauce pan. Mix and sift sugar, salt, ginger and pepper and sprinkle over green. Cut lemon in two or three slices and add with fat and water.

Cover and cook hard for 20 minutes, stirring frequently to prevent sticking. Let stand over a low fire for 15 minutes. Remove slices of lemon and serve.

Macaroni And Egg Salad.

- One cup cooked macaroni, 2 hard cooked eggs, 1-2 cup diced celery, 4 tablespoons sliced stuffed olives, salad dressing, shredded leaf lettuce.

You can use broken stick macaroni, elbow, shell, bow-knot or any shape you may choose.

Chop eggs and combine with macaroni, celery and olives. A salad dressing to make moist and serve on a bed of shredded leaf lettuce. Garnish with halves of stuffed olives. Use olives stuffed with pimento.

CANDIES FOR THE KIDDIES.

Quick Way To Make Coconut Ice.

Roll a pound of icing sugar, and add to it not quite half a pound of very fine desiccated coconut. Mix well in a fairly large basin. Have ready some boiling milk, make a hole in the middle of the coconut mixture, pour in a little milk, and mix with a fork to a stiff paste.

Take out half of the mixture and shape it into a block. Colour the other half pink with cochineal, or brown with cocoa, and shape this also into a block. Brush the white ice with a little milk, and put the coloured ice on it. Place a piece of greaseproof paper on the top, stand a weight on this, and leave to dry.

USE FOR LEFT-OVER CAULIFLOWER.

Quick Dish Is Tasty.

If you have left-over cauliflower, slice a half dozen or more small onions and steam them 15 minutes, then place one layer of the cauliflower alternating with one layer of the onions in a buttered baking dish.

Grate cheese over the top, add a quarter cup of top milk, several dabs of butter and heat in the oven until the cheese melts and browns.

ROASTING HAM

When roasting a ham in a double roaster, sear it first on both sides before putting on the cover. By this process of baking the juices are retained.

Rich and Creamy Fudge Frosting

Cakes with fudge frosting are quite different and very delicious.

- 2 sqs. chocolate
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup dark corn syrup
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 tbsps. butter

Cut chocolate and combine with sugar, milk and syrup, and cook until it forms a soft ball in water (234 degrees F.) Remove from fire, set pan in cold water, add butter and let stand until mixture thickens enough to stick to pan when tried with spoon. Add flavouring and beat until thick enough to spread on cake.

DELICIOUS ROLLS WITH SARDINES.

For Serving With Beverages.

Cut white bread into thin slices, spread with butter and then cover with sardines, mashed and seasoned with chopped pickles, olives and salad dressing.

Roll up the bread and hold in place with toothpicks and brown in a moderate oven. Serve at once. These little rolls are delicious served with hot or cold beverages.

GOOD COFFEE NEEDS CARE.

Proper Measures After Neglected.

Recipes that are taken for granted are likely to trip up many an experienced cook. Making good coffee is such a recipe. Facts to remember in preparing it are these:

Use fresh coffee, and one full cup of cold water to each cup of coffee required. A heaping tablespoons of coffee for each cup and an extra tablespoon for the percolator are the proper measures. Percolate six minutes.

For A Plain Fruit Salad.

A dressing which transforms a plain fruit salad, perhaps composed of apple, banana, or pears, is made by mixing together:

- 4 tablespoons salad oil
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 2 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 tablespoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika

Cut the fruit in pieces and let stand in the dressing for 10 minutes. Serve with a little of the dressing poured over.

ADD HORSE RADISH

A teaspoon of freshly grated horseradish added to cooked, buttered beets will give a pleasant flavour. This is especially suggested when roast beef is served.

TEMPTING DRESSING FOR SIX.

With Roast Or Fowl.

Add 2 tablespoons of chili sauce, 1 tablespoon of catsup and 2 ripe olives, chopped to 1/4 cup of mayonnaise or French dressing and you have a tempting dressing to serve on lettuce or tomato salads for six persons. This is especially good with chops, roasts or fowl.

HOW TO COOK DRIED FRUITS

Twenty-Four Hours Soaking Needed.

SHORT-SIMMERING ONLY

Many wholesome fruit confections can be made from raisins and other dried fruits. When chopped or minced, and moistened with a little honey or evaporated milk, raisins make a healthful and toothsome sandwich filling.

It should be remembered that dried fruit must be cooked carefully and properly. The fruit must be well washed because it has often been exposed. It is therefore necessary to separate the pieces, before soaking, so that they will remain shapely while regaining their original moisture. It takes time to put back into the dried fruit the large amount of water lost by evaporation.

Therefore the dry fruit needs a long soaking—twenty-four hours is not too much. It should be clear that this soaking is to be done in water after the fruit has been washed. That is, the soaking water should be also the cooking water, for it is a great mistake to soak dried fruit and then throw the soaking water away.

Next, as to the manner of cooking. Since the pieces are really only delicate pulp they must be cooked very slowly and always over a low fire. If cooked rapidly, or over a hot fire they are bound to break in shape, and to become an unpleasant mass. The word "simmer" exactly expresses the manner and temperature of cooking all dried fruit.

In many cases, almost no cooking is required, if the soaking has been sufficiently long. For example, seedless raisins are delicious as a breakfast fruit if they have been treated to a long soaking which will expand them and soften them. Even prunes require, but a very short simmering—long cooking makes the skins leathery.

SANDWICH SUGGESTION.

Use For Cucumber Pickle.

Have you any cucumber pickle in your larder? If so here is a sandwich suggestion. To six tablespoonsful of chopped hard boiled eggs allow a teaspoonful of chopped capers and a tablespoonful of chopped cucumber pickle. Spread with mayonnaise.

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Men Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN

- Puree de Lentils
- Baked Polenta With Cheese
- Shrimp Salad
- Stewed Chestnuts With Apples

DINNER

- Cream of Brussels Sprouts
- Devilled Cod Fish
- Braised Endive
- Spinach a la Bechamel
- Macaroni aux Tomatoes a la Suisse
- Apricot Charlotte, Whipped Cream
- Puree de Lentils

1/4 lb. red lentils, 1 onion, 1 stick of celery, 2 oz. butter, pepper and salt to taste, 3 pints of vegetable stock, 1 carrot, 1 turnip. Melt the butter in a saucepan, wash and drain the lentils, put them in the saucepan with the peeled and sliced vegetable, stir for 5 minutes, taking care that they do not brown, then add the stock and a little salt. Let this come to the boil, skim and simmer gently until the lentils are soft. Pass the soup through a wire sieve. Reheat, season to taste with pepper and salt.

Polenta with Cheese

1 cup cream meal, 4 cups boiling water, 5 tablespoons grated cheese, 1/2 onion, 1 tablespoon chopped onion, a drop of garlic juice, nutmeg. Pour one cup of boiling water over the corn meal and leave it to swell. Add the rest of the water, stir well and boil for 5 minutes. Simmer in a double saucepan for 2 hours. Cool, cut into dice and mix with the grated cheese, chopped onion, garlic and nutmeg. Put into a buttered pie dish, cover the top with flakes of butter and bake in the oven for 1/2 hour.

Stewed Chestnuts With Apples—1 lb. chestnuts, 1/2 lb. apples, shell the chestnuts then simmer in boiling water for 10 minutes, drain and remove the inner skin. Cut the apples into cubes, put in a casserole with a little butter, add the chestnuts, cover and simmer for an hour or until tender.

Braised Endive

1 lb. heads of endive, 1 large onion, butter, seasoning. Wash the endive and cut in two and cook in boiling water for 20 minutes. Slice and cook the onion in butter,

strain the endive and add, stir well, cover and leave to cook for 20 minutes. Before serving add a tablespoonful sour cream and a tablespoonful of chopped parsley. Macaroni Aux Tomatoes a la Suisse—Break about 1/2 lb. macaroni into short pieces, put them in a saucepan containing plenty of fast boiling water (salted). Boil for 20 minutes until the macaroni is quite soft, then drain them well and cool. Melt an ounce of butter in a stewpan, add the macaroni, also a gill of tomato sauce, season to taste with salt and pepper, boil a little longer, then add 2 oz. of grated cheese, and 3 shall peeled tomatoes cut into shreds, cook slowly for another 10 minutes. Dish up neatly and serve hot.

Spinach a la Bechamel—Pick and wash about 3 lb. spinach boil it in salted water, rinse and cool in cold water, drain, and press well, then pass it through a wire sieve or chop it very fine. Melt in a saucepan 2 oz. butter, add 1 oz. flour stir well for a few minutes, add the spinach, also 1 gill fresh cream and a small ladleful of Bechamel sauce, season with grated nutmeg, stir until thoroughly hot, stand in deep dish of boiling water until required. Garnish with fancifully cut croquettes of fried bread.

FRENCH DRESSING.

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 3 teaspoon vinegar
- 1/2 cup salad oil

Mix ingredients. Beat 2 minutes. Chill. Mix well and serve. These ingredients can be poured into bottle, corked and stored in ice box until ready for serving.

STUFFING FOR DUCK

One cupful of prunes which have been soaked overnight, pitted, chopped and added to 1/2 cupful of bread crumbs makes a delicious stuffing for roast duck. Moisten the stuffing with cold water.

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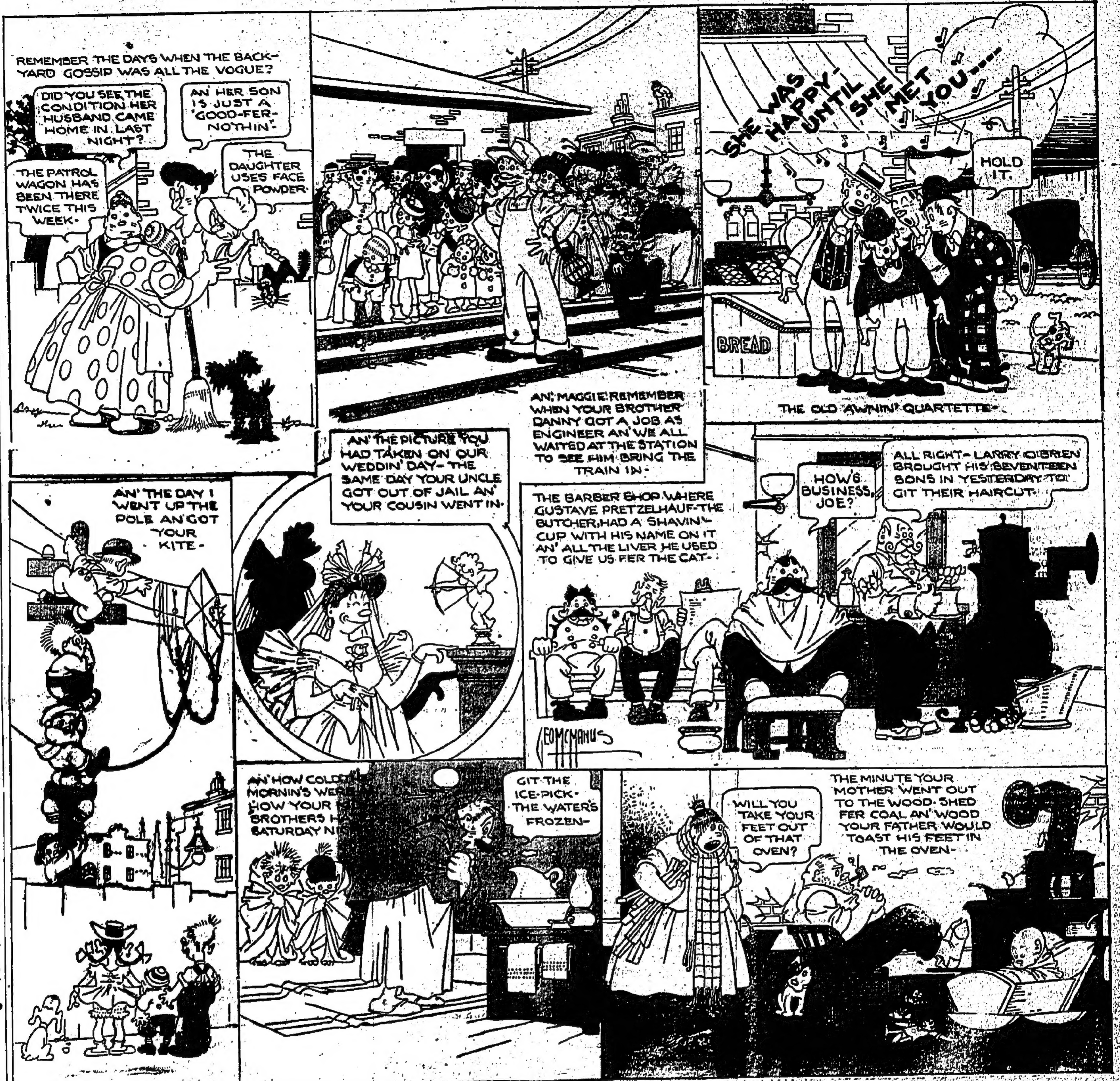
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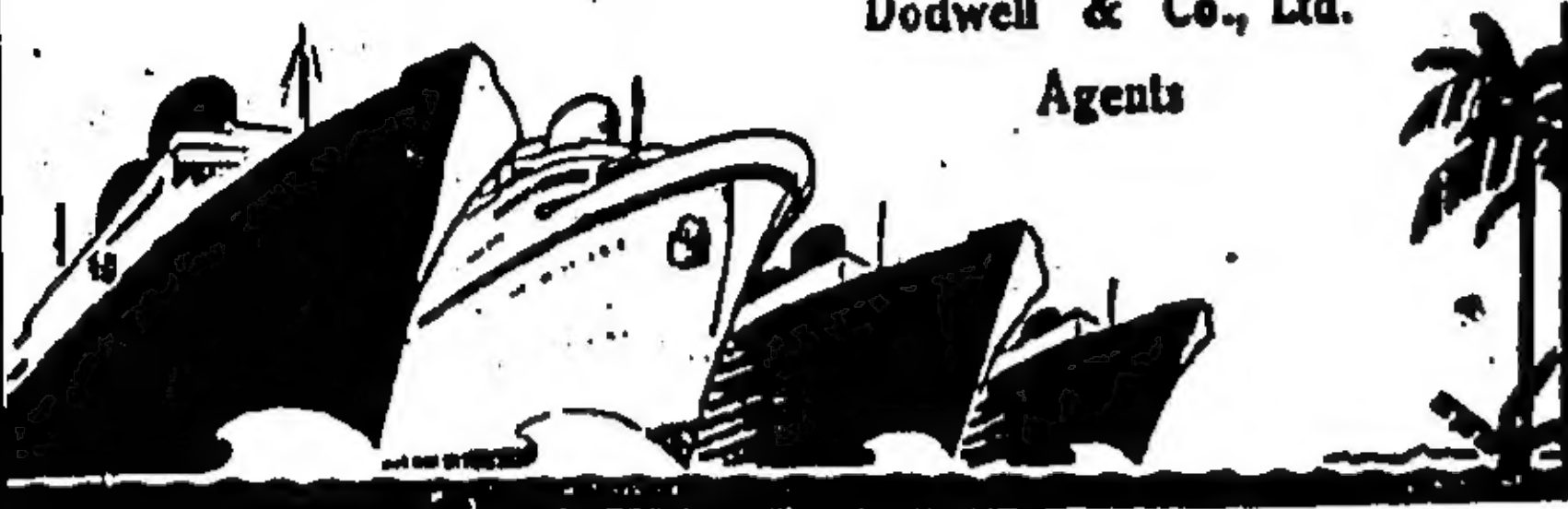
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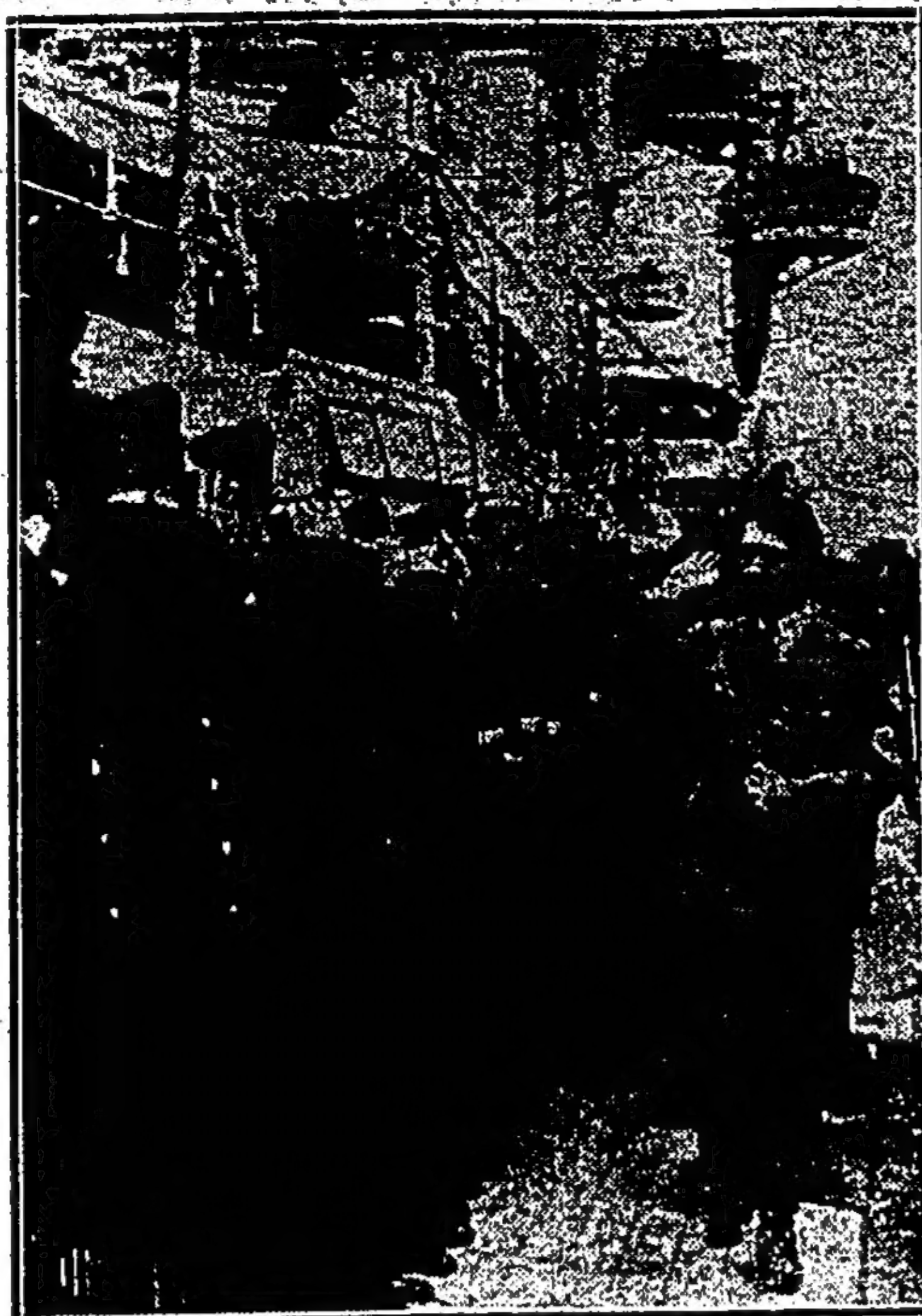
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The Robbery In Phillimore Terrace

(Continued from Page 9.)

"By this time a couple of constables had appeared upon the scene. D21 had no intention of losing sight of his friend the tramp, and the man in the shirt had again made a dash for the latter's collar at the bare idea that he should be allowed to get along."

"I think D21 was alive to the humour of the situation. He suggested that Robertson (the man in the night-shirt) should go in and get some clothes on, whilst he himself would wait for the inspector and the detective, whom D15 would send immediately."

"Poor Robertson's teeth were chattering with cold. He had a violent fit of sneezing as D21 hurried him into the house. The latter, with another constable, remained to watch the burglarized premises both back and front, and D15 took the wretched tramp to the station with a view to sending an inspector and a detective round immediately."

"When the two latter gentlemen arrived at No. 22, Phillimore-terrace they found poor old Robertson in bed, shivering, and still quite blue. He had got himself a hot drink, but his eyes were streaming and his voice was terribly husky. D21 had stationed himself in the dining-room, where Robertson had pointed the desk out to him with its broken lock and scattered contents."

"Robertson, between his sneezes, gave what account he could of the events."

"His master, Mr. Ferdinand Knopf, he said, was a diamond merchant, and a bachelor. He himself had been in Mr. Knopf's employ over fifteen years, and he was his only indoor servant. A charwoman came every day to do the housework."

"Last night Mr. Knopf dined at the house of Mr. Shipman, at No. 26, lower down. Mr. Shipman is the great jeweller who has his place of business in South Audley-street. By the last post there came a letter with the Brighton postmark, and marked 'urgent' for Mr. Knopf, and he (Robertson) was just wondering if he should run over to No. 26 with it when his master returned. He gave one glance at the contents of the letter, asked for his A.B.C. Railway Guide and ordered him (Robertson) to pack his bag at once and fetch him a cab."

"I guessed what it was," continued Robertson after another violent fit of sneezing. "Mr. Knopf has a brother, Mr. Emil Knopf, to whom he is very much attached, and who is a great invalid. His general goes about from one seaside place to another. He is now at Brighton, and has recently been very ill."

"If you will take the trouble to go downstairs, I think you will still find the letter lying on the hall table. I read it after Mr. Knopf left. It was not from his brother, but from a gentleman who signed himself 'J. Collins M.D.' I don't remember the exact words, but of course, you'll be able to read the

letter—Mr. J. Collins said he had been called in very suddenly to see Mr. Emil Knopf, who, he added, had not many hours to live, and had begged of the doctor to communicate at once with his brother in London."

"Before leaving, Mr. Knopf warned me that there were some valuables in his desk—diamonds mostly—and told me to be particularly careful about locking up the house. He often has left me like this in charge of his premises, and usually there have been diamonds in his desk, for Mr. Knopf has no regular City office, as he is a commercial traveller."

"The detective and inspector, before returning to the station with their report, thought they would call at No. 26, on Mr. Shipman, the great jeweller."

"You remember, of course," added the man in the corner, dreamily contemplating his bit of string, "the exciting developments of this extraordinary case. Mr. Arthur Shipman is the head of the firm of Shipman and Co., the wealthy jewellers. He is a widower, and lives very quietly by himself in his own old-fashioned way in the small Kensington house."

"I have only known Mr. Knopf a very little while," he explained to the detectives. "He sold me two or three stones once or twice, I think; but we are both single men, and we have often dined together. Last night he received a very fine consignment of Brazilian diamonds, as he told me, and knowing how beset I am with callers at my business place he had brought the stones with him, hoping, perhaps, to do a bit of trade over the nuts and wine."

"I bought £25,000 worth of him," added the jeweller, as if he were speaking of so many farthings, "and gave him a cheque across the dinner-table for that amount. I think we were both pleased with our bargain, and we had a fine bottle of '48 port over it together. Mr. Knopf left me at about 4.30, for he knows I go very early to bed, and I took my new stock upstairs with me, and locked it up in the safe. I certainly heard nothing of the noise in the house last night. I slept on the second floor, in the front of the house, and this is the first I have heard of poor Mr. Knopf's loss."

"At this point of his narrative, Mr. Shipman very suddenly paused, and his face became very pale. With a heavy word of excuse he unceremoniously left the room, and the detective heard him running quickly upstairs."

"Less than two minutes later Mr. Shipman returned. There was no need for him to speak; both the detective and the inspector guessed the truth in a moment by the look upon his face."

"The diamonds—I gasped. 'I have been robbed.' 'Now I must tell you,' continued the man in the corner, 'that after I had read the account of the double robbery, which appeared in the early afternoon papers, I set to work and had a good think—yes!' he added with a smile, 'noting 'Polly's' look at the bit of string on which he was still at work.' 'I added by this small addition to continued thought. I made notes as to how I should proceed to discover the thief, and what had happened off a small fortune in a single night. Of course, my methods are not those of a London detective; he has his own way of going to work. The one who was suspicious, this I have questioned the unfortunate jeweller very closely about the servants, and his household generally. He has told me that he has a charwoman, and that he has a maid, and that he has a

WINTER'S BLOCKADE IN EUROPE

Soviet Ships Frozen Fast In River.

BIG FLOOD DAMAGE IN TURKEY

General Winter, supported by his Lieutenants, Snow and Ice, has consolidated his advance into Europe and Asia, as these bulletins from Reuter correspondents prove.

In Stockholm, perambulators have been abandoned for little wheeled carts and the country people are driving their produce into town on horse-sleighs.

In Lapland, the temperature is 54 degrees below freezing (Fahrenheit) and several packs of wolves are causing anxiety for the safety of the herds of reindeer which are the chief wealth of the Laplanders.

Leningrad reports state that several vessels have been imprisoned in the thick ice on the River Neva and two battalions of Soviet sappers have had to be called out to dynamite a passage for them.

The ice is so strong that even ice-breakers cannot get through. Six inches of snow have fallen in several parts of the Eiffel range, near Cologne, and excellent skiing and sleighing is in prospect.

Swirling snow and piercing blasts have been hindering the operations of a joint Japanese and Manchukuan force which has been "mopping up" bandits in their former stronghold in the province of Kirin.

Torrential rain has fallen in Smyrna. Turkey's second largest city.

In a single day it rained without stopping for 14 hours.

Cafes were inundated and clients had to stand up on chairs and tables to avoid being soaked through.

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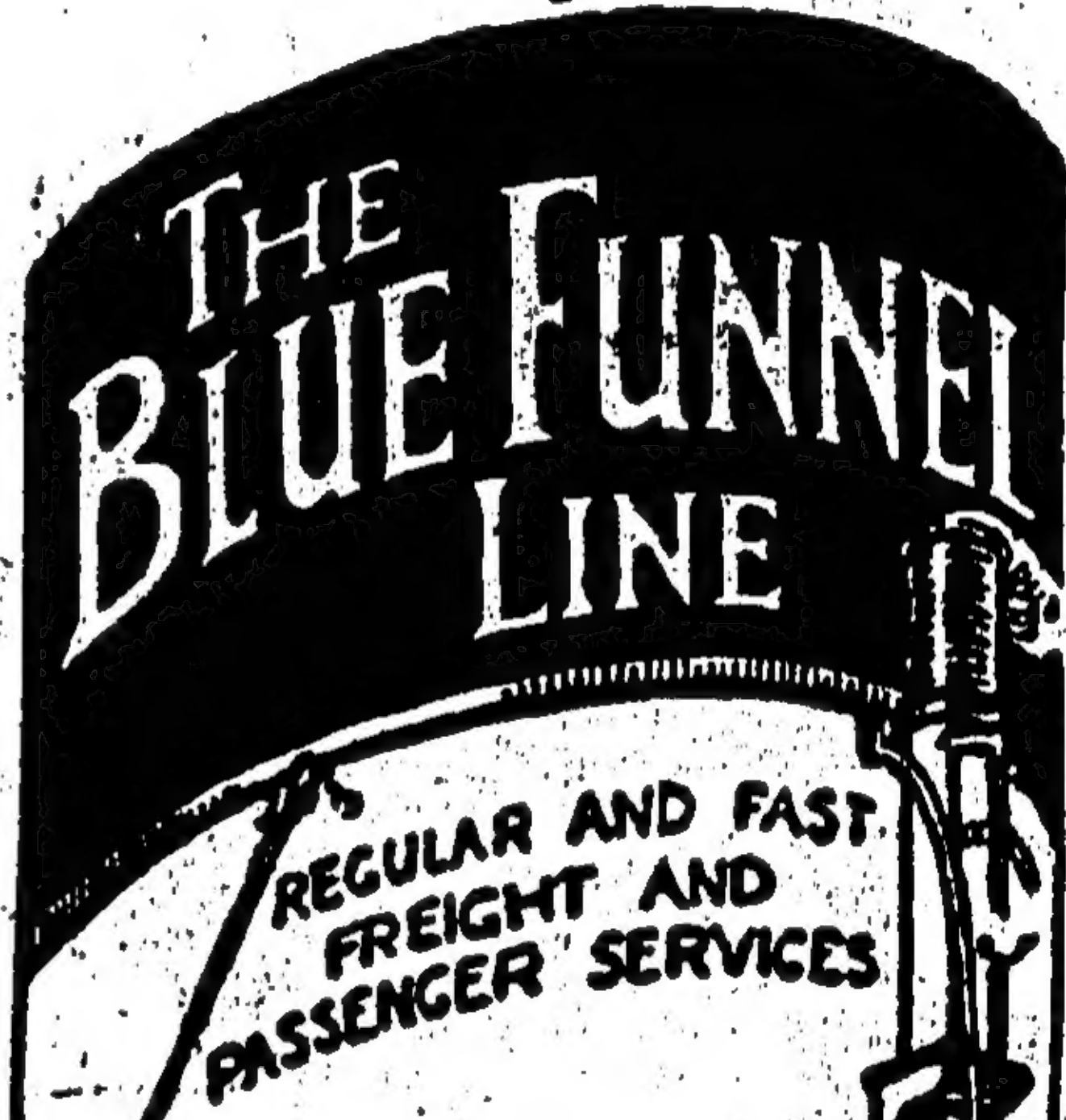
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The Robbery In Phillimore Terrace

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housemaid, is a fairly new comer—she has been here about six months. She came recommended by a friend, and bore an excellent character. She and the parlour-maid room together. The cook, who knew me when I was a schoolboy, slept alone; all three servants sleep on the floor above. I looked the jewels up in the safe which stands in the dressing-room. My keys and watch I placed, as usual, beside my bed. As a rule, I am a fairly light sleeper.

"I cannot understand how it could have happened—but you had better come up and have a look at the safe. The key must have been abstracted from my bedside, the safe opened and the keys replaced—all while I was fast asleep."

"Though I had no occasion to look into the safe until just now, I should have discovered my loss before going to bed, for I intended to take the diamonds away with me."

"The detective and the inspector went up to have a look at the safe. The lock had in no way been tampered with—it had been opened with its own key. The detective spoke of chloroform, but Mr. Shipman declared that when he woke in the morning at about half-past seven there was no smell of chloroform in the room. However, proceedings of the daring theft certainly pointed to the use of an anaesthetic. An examination of the premises brought to light the fact that the burglar had, as in Mr. Knopf's house, used the glass-pannelled door from the garden as a means of entrance, but in this instance he had carefully cut out the pane of glass with a diamond, slipped the bolts, turned the key, and walked in."

"The servants' boxes were searched, with the usual vain result."

"The jeweller took no further information; the detective and inspector, to do them justice, did their work of investigation minutely and, what is more, intelligently. It seemed evident, from their deductions, that the burglar had commenced proceedings on No. 26, Phillimore Terrace, and had then gone on, probably climbing over the garden walls between the houses, to No. 22, where he was almost caught in the act by Robertson. The facts were simple enough, but the mystery remained as to the individual who had managed to glean the information of the presence of the diamonds in both the houses, and the means which he had adopted to get that information. It was obvious that the thief or thieves knew more about Mr. Knopf's affairs than Mr. Shipman's, since they had known how to use Mr. Emilio Knopf's name in order to get his brother out of the way."

"It was now nearly ten o'clock, and the detectives, having taken leave of Mr. Shipman, went back to No. 22, in order to ascertain whether Mr. Knopf had come back; the door was opened by the old charwoman, who said that her master had returned, and was having some breakfast in the dining-room."

"Mr. Ferdinand Knopf was a middle-aged man, with a low complexion, black hair and beard, of obviously Hebrew extraction. He spoke with a marked foreign accent, but very courteously, to the two officials, who, he begged, would excuse him if he went on with his breakfast."

"I was fully prepared to hear the bad news," he explained, "which my man Robertson told me when I arrived. The letter I got last night was a bogus one; there is no such person as J. Collins, M.D. My brother had never left better in his life. You will, I am sure, very soon trace the cunning writer of that epistle—all that I want in a rage, I can tell you, when I got to the Metropole at Brighton, and found that Emilio, my brother, had never heard of any Doctor Collins."

"The last train to town had gone, although I raced back to the station as hard as I could. Poor old Robertson, he had a terrible cold. Ah, yes! my last life is for me a very happy one; if I had not made that lucky bargain with Mr. Shipman last night I should, perhaps, at this moment be a ruined man."

"The stones I had yesterday were, firstly, some magnificent Brazilian; these I sold to Mr. Shipman mostly. Then I had some very good Cape diamonds—all gone; and some quite special Parisian set of wonderful work and finish, entrusted to me for sale by a great French house. I tell you, sir, my loss will be nearly £10,000 altogether."

"He was evidently trying to bear up manfully, and as a business man should, under his sad fate. He refused in any way to attach the slightest blame to his old and faithful servant, Robertson, who had caught perhaps his death of cold in his zeal for his absent master."

"With regard to the old charwoman, Mr. Knopf certainly knew practically nothing about her."

"About the tramp Mr. Knopf knew still less, nor could he imagine how she, or in fact anybody else, could possibly know that he had diamonds in his house that night."

"Mr. Ferdinand Knopf, at the instance of the police, later on went to the station and had a look at the suspected tramp. He declared he had never seen him before."

"Mr. Shipman, on his way home from business in the afternoon, had done likewise, and made a similar statement."

"Brought before the magistrate, the tramp gave but a poor account of himself. He gave a name and address, which latter, of course, proved to be false. After that he was absolutely refused to speak. Very soon even the police realised that, for the present at any rate, nothing could be got out of the suspected tramp."

"Mr. Francis Howard, the detective who had charge of the case, though he would not admit it even to himself, was at a loss. The case, he felt, was a very peculiar one. The tramp, who had been in London for some time, was being robbed, had seen a

one turn out from the cul-de-sac into the main passage of the mews."

"The stables which immediately faced the back entrance of the Phillimore Terrace house were all private ones."

"The coachmen, their families and all the grooms who slept in the stables were rigidly watched and questioned. One and all had seen nothing, heard nothing, until Robertson's shrieks had roused them from their sleep."

"As for the letter from Brighton, it was absolutely commonplace, and written upon notepaper which the detective with Machiavellian cunning, traced to a stationer's shop in West-street. But scores of people had bought notepaper there similar to that on which the supposed doctor had written his tricky letter. The handwriting was cramped, perhaps a disguised one. Needless to say, the tramp, when told to write his name, wrote a totally different hand. Matters stood, however, in the same persistently mysterious state when a small discovery was made which suggested to Mr. Francis Howard an idea. That was the discovery of a few of Mr. Knopf's diamonds evidently trampled into the ground by the thief whilst making his hurried exit through the garden of No. 22, Phillimore Terrace."

"At the end of this garden there is a small studio which had been built by a former owner of the house, and behind it a small piece of waste ground about seven feet square which had once been a rockery, and is still filled with large loose stones."

"It was Robertson who, two days after the robbery having need of a large stone for some household purpose or other, dislodged one from that piece of waste ground, and found a few shining pebbles beneath it. Mr. Knopf took them round to the police station himself immediately, and identified the stones as some of his Parisian ones."

"Later on the detective went to view the place where the find had been made."

"Acting upon the advice of Mr. Francis Howard, the police decided to let the anonymous tramp out of his safe-treat within the station, and to allow him to wander whithersoever he chose. A good idea, perhaps—the presumption being that, sooner or later, if the man was in any way mixed up with the cunning thieves, he would either rejoin his comrades or even lead the police to the whereabouts of his hoard lay hidden."

"The wretched tramp, on his discharge, wandered out of the yard, wrapping his thin coat round his shoulders. He was a bitterly cold afternoon. He began operations by turning into the Town Hall Tavern for a good feed."

"It was close upon four o'clock when he left the Tavern, and then began for the indefatigable Mr. Howard one of the most wearisome and uninteresting chases, through the mazes of London streets, he ever remembers to have made. Up Notting Hill, down the slums of Notting Dale, along the High-borough, Shepherd's Bush, and through Shepherd's Bush did that anonymous tramp lead the unfortunate detective."

"At last, with a beating heart, though half perished with cold, and with terribly sore feet, the detective began to realise that the tramp was gradually working his way towards Kensington. It was then close upon eleven o'clock when he turned into Phillimore Terrace. He seemed in a hurry, he even slipped once in the middle of the road, trying to light a pipe, which, as there was a high east wind, took him some considerable time. Then he leapt, leapt, leapt, leapt, and turned into Ad."

"Acting upon the detective's instructions, there were several men in plain clothes ready to his call in the immediate neighbourhood. Two stood within the shadow of the steps of the Congregational Church at the corner of the mews, others were stationed within call."

"Hardy, therefore, had the hard turned into the cul-de-sac at the back of Phillimore Terrace then, at a slight sound from Mr. Francis Howard, every expert was bared to him."

"As soon as the tramp had advanced some thirty yards or so (the whole length of this part of the mews is about one hundred yards) and was lost in the shadow, Mr. Francis Howard directed four or five of his men to proceed cautiously up the mews, whilst the same number were to form a line all along the front of Phillimore Terrace between the mews and the High-borough."

"Remember, the back garden walls threw long and dense shadows, but the silhouette of the man would be clearly outlined if he made any attempt at climbing over them. Mr. Howard felt quite sure that the thief was bent on recovering the stolen goods, which, no doubt, he had hidden in the rear of one of the houses."

"The tramp sauntered up the mews—and there he remained for aught Mr. Francis Howard or the other constables could ever explain. The earth or the shadows swallowed him up. No one saw him climb one of the garden walls, no one heard him break open a door; he had retreated within the shadow of the garden walls, and was soon or heard no more."

"One of the servants in the Phillimore Terrace house must have belonged to the gang," said Polly with quick decision.

"Ah, yes! but which?" said the man in the corner, making a beautiful knot in his bit of string. "I can assure you that the police left no stone unturned, and every inch of the front and back garden was searched for two days, but not a trace of him could they find, nor of the diamonds, from that day to this."

"The tramp was missing," continued the man in the corner, and Mr. Francis Howard tried to find the missing tramp, but he was not to be found. The tramp was missing, and the diamonds were missing, and the case was a very peculiar one."

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had seen or heard anything of the suspicious individual.

"Mr. Francis Howard went on to see Mr. Ferdinand Knopf. This gentleman was having his bath, preparatory to going to bed. So Robertson told the detective. However, Mr. Knopf insisted on talking to Mr. Howard through his bath-room door. Mr. Knopf thanked him for all the trouble he was taking, and felt sure that he and Mr. Shipman would soon recover possession of their diamonds, thanks to the persevering detective."

"Hel hel hel!" laughed the man in the corner. "Poor Mr. Howard. He persevered—but got no farther; no, nor anyone else, for that matter. Even I might not be able to convict the thieves if I told all I knew to the police."

"Now, follow my reasoning, point by point," added eagerly.

"Who knew of the presence of the diamonds in the house of Mr. Shipman and Mr. Knopf? Firstly," he said, "putting up an ugly claw-like finger, 'Mr. Shipman, then Mr. Knopf, then, presumably, the man Robertson.'"

"And the tramp?" said Polly. "Leave the tramp alone for the present since he has vanished, and take number two. Mr. Shipman was drugged. That was pretty obvious; as man under ordinary circumstances would, without waking, have his keys abstracted and then replaced at his own bedside. Mr. Howard suggested that the thief was armed with some anaesthetic; but how did the thief get into Mr. Shipman's room without waking him from his natural sleep? Is it not simpler to suppose that the thief had taken the precaution to drug the jeweller before the latter went to bed?"

"But—" "Wait a moment, and take point number three. Though there was every proof that Mr. Shipman had been in possession of £25,000 worth of goods since Mr. Knopf had a cheque from him for that amount, there was no proof that in Mr. Knopf's house there was even an odd stone worth a sovereign."

"And then again," went on the scraw-crow, getting more and more excited, "did it ever strike you, or anybody else, that at no time, while the tramp was in custody, while all that searching examination was being gone on with, no one ever saw Mr. Knopf and his man Robertson together at the same time?"

"Ah!" he continued, whilst suddenly the young girl seemed to see the whole thing as in a vision, "they did not forget a single detail—follow them with me, point by point. Two cunning scoundrels—geniuses they should be called—well provided with some ill-gotten funds but determined on a grand coup. They play at respectability for six months. One is the master, the other the servant; they take a house in the same street as their intended victim, make friends with him, accomplish one or two creditable but very small business transactions, always drawing on the reserve funds, which might even have amounted to a few hundreds—and a bit of credit."

"Then the Brazilian diamonds, and the Parisians—which, remember, were so perfect that they required chemical testing to be detected. The Parisian stones are sold—not in business, of course—in the evening, after dinner and a good deal of wine. Mr. Knopf's Brazilians were beautiful; perfect! Mr. Knopf was a well-known diamond merchant."

"Mr. Shipman bought—but with the morning would have come a sober sense, the cheque stopped before it could have been presented, the swindler caught. Not those exquisite Parisians were never intended to rest in Mr. Shipman's safe until the morning. That last bottle of 46 port, with the aid of a powerful soporific, ensured that Mr. Shipman would sleep undisturbed during the night."

"Ah! remember all the details, they were so admirable! The letter posted in Brighton by the cunning rascal to himself, the smashed desk, the broken pane of glass in his own house. The man Robertson in a ragged clothing found his way into No. 22. If Constable D21 had not appeared upon the scene that evening, comedy in the early morning would not have been enacted. As it was, in the supposed fight, Mr. Shipman's diamonds passed from the hands of the tramp into those of his accomplices."

"Then, later on, Robertson, ill in bed, whilst his master was supposed to have returned by the way, it never struck anybody that no one saw Mr. Knopf come home, though he surely would have driven up in a cab. The double part played by one man for two days—very cleverly done."

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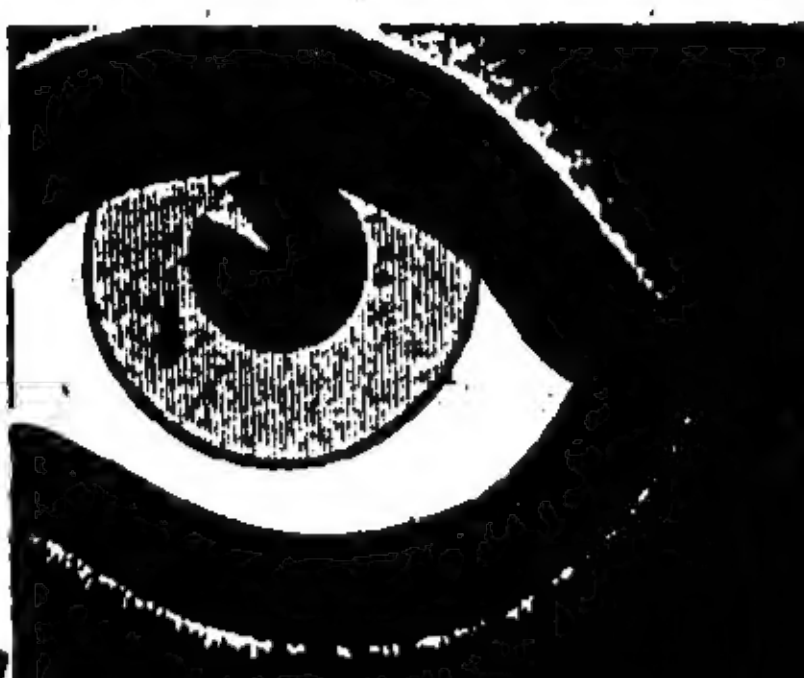
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In most of the Royal families of Europe who have adopted aeroplanes as their favourite means of travel it is the Princesses who are keenest about flying.

Princess Aspasia of Greece, widow of the late King Alexander, always flies across the Channel when she comes to England to visit her daughter, now at school at Ascot.

Princess Ingrid of Sweden made her first flight four years ago when she saw London from the air. Now she is an enthusiastic air passenger and prefers to travel that way between London and Copenhagen.

The Belgian Royal family established an air record not long ago when the King, the Queen, the Crown Prince and the Crown Princess flew from Brussels to Antwerp. The Crown Princess—formerly Princess Astrid of Sweden—is particularly fond of flying.

The new wife of the Prince of (Continued at Foot of Next Column)

LOCAL ESTATES.

Hong Kong Widow Leaves \$5,100.

Ho Lam (Chan Wan), alias Chan Woon, widow, late of No. 12 Po Tak Street, Hong Kong, who died on November 27 last year, left local estate sworn under \$5,100.

Probate has been granted to Chan Kwok-on, alias Chan Chan-pong.

Maud Matilda Wiggins, late of No. 6, Jordan Road, Kowloon, who died on January 12 or 13, this year, left local estate valued at \$400.

Letters of Administration have been granted to George William Wiggins, husband of deceased.

Asturias (the former Senorita Edelmira de Pedro Ochoa de Cuba) was a regular air passenger before her marriage. The Prince, because of his poor health, has never been up in a machine.

The Countess of Willington, wife of the Viceroy of India, flies as a passenger perhaps more than any other woman. She was the first Viceroy to travel from India to England by air, a trip she made last summer.

Royal passengers, officials at the Croydon air port declare, are easier to please than most people.—Reuter.

ELECTRIC EYE TO CONTROL LIGHTS

New System Operates In Johannesburg.

ALMOST—HUMAN DEVICE

Johannesburg.

A remarkable device known as the Electric Eye is to be used to control the lighting system in the concourse of the new railway station at Johannesburg. Of its own accord,

the Electric Eye will survey the sky, assess the prevailing light intensity, and switch the lights on or off as they may or may not be required in the concourse.

This Electric Eye, known scientifically as the Photronic Cell, is being installed on the roof of the concourse.

This Cell is the first device known which will transform light into electricity. Its action is to generate a small current from light and this action, peculiar to the Cell, has caused the device to be used for switching lights on or off, replacing the conventional time switch system.

The advantage of the Electric Eye is that it takes into account actual light conditions before it decides to switch lights on or off.—Reuter.

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